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Deaths.

BATES.—December 22, at his residence, No. 19 Junction-street, Camperdown, George Joseph, infant son of George and Mary Bates, aged 5 months and 8 days.

BOURKE.—December 25, at St. Vincent's Hospital, of typhoid fever, James O'Donnell Bourke, aged 26, formerly of Limerick, Ireland. Home papers please copy.

CLOSE.—December 28, at The Peel, Elizabeth Bay-road, Louisa, widow of the late Edward Charles Close, of Morpeth, in her 70th year.

HYLAND.—December 29, at her residence, Prospect, Rose, beloved wife of Luke Hyland, aged 36 years.

IREDALE.—December 30, at his residence, 338 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, Lancelot Iredale, the dearly-beloved brother of Mr. T. J. Iredale, Brown-street, Paddington, in his 57th year. Deeply regretted.

NELSON.—December 30, at his residence, Glen Lea, Glebe Point, Benjamin Nelson, late of Orange, in his 61st year.

OAKEY.—December 21, 1894, at Pennant Hills, New South Wales, Ellen, the wife of Alfred Oakey, late of Preston, Lancashire, England. Home papers please copy.

SUTTOR.—December 28, 1894, at her residence, 71 Boulevard, Dulwich Hill, Cordelia Sarah Suttor, aged 87 years, relict of the late William Beverley Suttor, of Beverley Park, Bathurst, N. S. Wales.

SYDENHAM.—December 28, at his residence, 68 Hordern-street, Newtown, William James Sydenham, aged 80 years, late stationmaster of Government railway.

WILSON.—December 29, at her late residence, No. 13 Buckingham-street, Strawberry Hills, Ellen, relict of the late Henry Wilson, aged 68 years.

In Memoriam.

CANTY.—In loving remembrance of Cornelius Canty, late of Regent-street, who died December 30, 1892, aged 84. Inserted by son, William Canty.

DEY.—In loving remembrance of Jane Dey, who died 30th December, 1893. Dead, but not forgotten. E. T. L.

KELLY.—In affectionate remembrance of Marian Kelly, who died at Parramatta on 30th December, 1893. J. V. C.

SWAN.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Swan, who died December 30, 1891, aged 81. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary and William Jones, Drummoyne.

TAYLOR.—In affectionate remembrance of my dearly-beloved husband, Samuel Taylor, jun., who departed this life at his residence, Arthur-street, North Sydney, December 30, 1893. Inserted by his loving wife, L. Taylor.

TAYLOR.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear father, Samuel Taylor, jun., who departed this life at his residence, Arthur-street, North Sydney, December 30, 1893. Inserted by his affectionate children.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza Wright, who died 31st December, 1892, at Orange. John Wright, Sussex-street; Mary Ann Smith, Orange.

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Steamer	Tons	Commander.	Leave Sydney.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Adelaide.
			1895.	1895.	1895.
Himalaya	6800	A.W. Adamson	Jan. 11	Jan. 16	Jan. 18
Ballarat	4746	T. S. Angus	Jan. 21	Jan. 26	Jan. 30
Arcadia	8962	A. C. Lowrie	Feb. 4	Feb. 9	Feb. 13
Victoria	6219	O. W. Atkinson	Feb. 18	Feb. 23	Feb. 27
Rome	3545	A. B. Daniell	Mar. 4	Mar. 9	Mar. 13
Parramatta	4171	P. Harris	Mar. 18	Mar. 23	Mar. 27
Oceana	6962	F. Stewart	April 1	April 6	April 10

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			1895.	1895.	1895.
Holstein	3217	J. Roehen	Jan. 2	Jan. 4	Jan. 6
Oldenburg	3376	R. Heintze	Jan. 28	Feb. 2	Feb. 6
Salier	3214	B. Peter-mann	Feb. 27	March 2	March 6
Prinz Regent	6600	H. Gathe-	Mar. 25	Mar. 30	April 3
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OROTAVA	5552 "	J. Linklater	Jan. 28
ORUBA	5552 "	Lindsay Hay	Feb. 11
CUZCO	3918 "	J. F. Anderson	Feb. 25
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S.S. TARAWERA, SATURDAY, January 5, at 1 p.m.
S.S. WAKATIPU, SATURDAY, January 12, at 1 p.m.
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For HOBART—
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POLYNESIEN	L. Boulard	Feb. 25	March 1	Mar. 3
ARMAND BEHIC	Poydenot	Mar. 27	March 31	April 1

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MARYBOROUGH	Arawatta, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 2
BUNDABERG	Eurimbla, Friday, 5 p.m., Jan. 4
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BOWEN	Arawatta, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 2
TOWNSVILLE ...	Eurimbla, Friday, 5 p.m., Jan. 4
DUNGENESS	Arawatta, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 2
CARDWELL	Eurimbla, Friday, 5 p.m., Jan. 4
MOURILYAN	Arawatta, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 2
JOHNSTONE RIV.	(Change at Townsville).
CAIRNS	Arawatta, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 2
PORT DOUGLAS	Arawatta, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 2
COOKTOWN	Cintra, Wednesday, 3 p.m., Jan. 9
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SHIP.	DATE.
TASMANIA ...	JANUARY 16.
ANGLIAN ...	JANUARY.

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SHIP.	DATE.
ANGLIAN ...	JANUARY 15.
TASMANIA ...	FEBRUARY.

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ALBANY FREMANTLE GERALDTON	steamer early.
BRISBANE MARYBOROUGH ROCKHAMPTON	Konoowarra, Saturday, Jan. 5, 2 p.m. Barrabool, Tues., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.
BUNDABERG MACKAY TOWNSVILLE DUNGENESS JOHNSTONE RIV. CAIRNS PORT DOUGLAS	Konoowarra, Saturday, Jan. 5, 2 p.m. Peregrine, Sat., Jan. 12, 2 p.m.

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XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1894-5.

Day.	Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
Monday	Dec. 31	Sydney	Newcastle
Tues'dy	Jan. 1	Namoi	Sydney

Fares: Saloon, single 7s, return (available 2 months) 10s 6d. Deck Cabin Berths 3s extra each way; Steerage, 5s each way.
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LEAVE MANLY: 8.15, 8.45, 9.45, 11, 11.30, 12.30, 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4, 4.30, 5.15, 5.45, 6.30, 7, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15.
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From Manly, 7.15, 8.10, 8.45, 9.45.
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From Sydney, 6.15, 7.30, 8, 9.30, 11.15
From Manly, 7, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15.
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MANLY BEACH.
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NEW YEAR'S EVE and NEW YEAR'S DAY.
A steamer will leave Sydney 11.15 p.m.

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6d RETURN 6d. 3d CHILDREN 3d.
Leave (weather permitting and as far as practicable)—
SYDNEY: 7.15, 8.0, 9.0, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30 a.m., 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.30, 5.0, 5.30, 6.15, 7.30, 8.0, 9.30, 10.30, 11.15 p.m.
MANLY: 7.15, 8.10, 8.45, 9.45, 10.30, 11.30 a.m., 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.0, 4.30, 5.30, 6.0, 6.30, 7.0, 8.30, 9.30, 10.15, 11.15 p.m.
NOTE.—When practicable an additional steamer will leave—
SYDNEY: 10.0, 12.0 a.m., 2.0, 4.0 p.m.
MANLY: 11.0 a.m., 1.0, 3.0, 5.0 p.m.
particulars of which can be obtained of the Wharf, foot of No. 5 JETTY, CIRCULAR QUAY,
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3d CHILDREN 3d.
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WATSON'S BAY.
NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1895.

Government Railways.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

1st JANUARY, 1895.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all stations (except for distances not exceeding 15 miles between stations on the Sydney and Newcastle Suburban Sections), by all trains until TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1895, both days inclusive; available for return until THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1895.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile first-class (minimum, 5s) and 1d per mile second class return (minimum, 2s 6d) will be issued at Sydney and Suburban Stations to the country by trains leaving Sydney as follows, available for return by any train (Melbourne Express excepted) up to 7th January inclusive:—

SOUTH COAST LINE.

31st DECEMBER, 5.30 and 7.30 p.m., for Nowra.
1st JANUARY, 7.30 a.m., for Nowra.

SOUTHERN LINE.

31st DECEMBER, 5.15 p.m., to Mittagong, Bowral, Burradoo, and Moss Vale only.
1st JANUARY, 8.20 a.m., for Goulburn.

WESTERN LINE.

31st DECEMBER, 5.10 and 5.35 p.m., for Mount Victoria.
1st JANUARY, 8 a.m., for Eskbank.

NORTHERN LINE.

1st JANUARY, 8.15 a.m., for Newcastle (7.45 a.m. from Milson's Point).

SIMILAR TICKETS to SYDNEY ONLY will be issued by trains leaving—

NOWRA at 4.35 a.m. on 1st January.
GOULBURN at 5.10 a.m. on 1st January.
ORANGE at 2.30 a.m. on 1st January.
SINGLETON, 10.5 p.m. on 31st December.
NEWCASTLE, 12.40 a.m. on 1st January.
WEST MAITLAND at 5 a.m., and NEWCASTLE at 6 a.m., on 1st January.

Cheap Excursion Tickets to the Hawkesbury, in connection with S.S. General Gordon, will also be issued by certain trains, at 5s 6d first-class, and 3s 6d second-class, including trip on steamer, available for day of issue only.

Specially Low Fares from Sydney and Illawarra Suburban Stations to National Park.

First-class Return, 1s 6d; Second-class ditto, 1s.

In addition to the ordinary service Special Trains will run from Sydney as under:—

31st DECEMBER: 7.30 p.m. to Nowra, 11.38 p.m. to Sutherland, 8.10 p.m. to Mount Victoria, 7.58 p.m. to Orange.

1st JANUARY: 7.38 a.m. to Nowra, 9.30 a.m. to Kiama, 7.50 p.m. to Nowra, 8.20 a.m. to Goulburn, 8.0 a.m. and 5.35 p.m. to Eskbank, 1.30 and 11.25 p.m. to Mount Victoria, 8.15 a.m. to Wyong, 9.10 and 1.25 p.m. to Hawkesbury, 9.30 a.m. to Gosford.

On 1st JANUARY trains will also be run from Sydney at frequent intervals to Rockdale (Lady Robinson's Beach), Kogarah (Bandringham), Como, Sutherland, and National Park.

Further particulars can be obtained from all stationmasters, and at the Central Booking Office, George-street, Sydney.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS AND CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE, GEORGE-STREET.

The Goods Sheds at Redfern and Alexandria will be closed.

The Goods Shed at Darling Harbour will be open until 10 a.m. for the delivery of Perishables only.

The Central Booking Office, George-street, will be open until 10 a.m. for the sale of tickets and delivery of Perishables only.

The Goods Sheds at other stations will be closed on 1st January, except for the receipt and delivery of Perishables.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 29th December, 1894.

TENDERS for the WORKS, &c., specified below will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office, 187 Macquarie-street, Sydney, until 12 o'clock on the dates mentioned:—

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

The Removal of Cottages at West Tamworth and Re-erection at Werris Creek.

MONDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1895.

The Painting of Station Buildings on the North Coast Line. Particulars at the Divisional Engineer's Office, Newcastle.

MONDAY, 14th JANUARY.

The Construction of an Overbridge and Approaches at Wentworth Falls. Particulars Existing Lines Office, 55 Bridge-street, Sydney.

The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

COOK'S Special Fast Train to Melbourne on 10th Jan. Fares—£3 1st and £2 2nd class. 4 Hunter-st.

BETWEEN the G.P.O. and King-st. is FULLER'S Great New Year Card Exhibition.

Government Notices.

NOTICE.

TOBACCO ACT OF 1884.

REPORTS having been made to me that unlicensed persons are PURCHASING LEAF TOBACCO and MANUFACTURING THE SAME, contrary to the provisions of the Tobacco Act, 47 Victoria, No. 12, attention is called to the 2nd and 15th sections of the Act.

2. In the construction of this Act and any Regulations thereunder, unless the context be repugnant to such construction, the terms "manufacture," "manufacturing," or "manufactured" shall include the processes of cutting, pressing, grinding, crushing, or rubbing any raw or leaf tobacco, or otherwise preparing raw or leaf tobacco or manufactured or partially manufactured tobacco, and of putting up for use or consumption any scraps, waste, chippings, stems, or deposits of tobacco resulting from any process of handling tobacco, and the term "prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or any such Regulations.

23. From and after the commencement of this Act no tobacco shall be manufactured in New South Wales otherwise than under the provisions of this Act, and any person who shall manufacture tobacco contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Pounds for every day on which he shall manufacture the same, and to forfeit all tobacco so manufactured by him.

NOTICE is hereby given than any person found manufacturing leaf without being duly licensed will be prosecuted as the law directs, and a LIBERAL REWARD will be paid to any person giving information to the Collector of Customs which shall lead to the conviction of offenders.

GEORGE HOUSTOUN REID, Colonial Treasurer.

The Treasury,
10th December, 1894.

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Children under 10 Half-price to Matinees.

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A perfect storm of applause greeted the magnificent picture exposed to view on the rising of the curtain. Exclamations of wonderment and delight were freely exchanged amongst the densely crowded audience, and the unanimous opinion freely expressed was that

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The Guards Band will give "The Life Story of The Daughter of Jahmael," in Music and Song, at 8 p.m., in the Temple, Goulburn-st., city; tickets 6d.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
In Chambers.—(Before Mr. Justice INNES.)

RE JAMES CLARKE (A. ANNESLEY RESPONDENT, PART HEARD).

THE APPLICATION DISMISSED.

The applicant, the Rev. James Clarke, incumbent of the parish of St. George, Kogarah, appeared in person and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by virtue of which Amelia Annesley, of Herbert-street, Dulwich Hill, had been called upon to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued directing her to deliver up Annie Clarke, wife of applicant. Mr. W. A. Walker, instructed by Messrs. White and Wolstenholme, appeared for respondent to show cause. The affidavits were read on the previous day, and the matter was adjourned until to-day to give the applicant an opportunity of producing a letter which he said he had received from his wife, and also to allow his Honor to examine Mrs. Clarke. In accordance with the latter arrangement his Honor saw Mrs. Clarke in his private chambers, and asked her whether she wished to stay away from her husband, and had left him entirely of her own free will, and an affirmative answer was given.

His Honor: And you are not under any compulsion from the undue influence or direction of your mother or of any other person?

Mrs. Clarke: No; I am not detained against my will, but am at liberty to go anywhere I please.

His Honor: I do not want to enter into the question of the alleged cruelty, the simple question being whether you are staying away from your husband entirely of your own free will.

Mrs. Clarke: Yes, entirely of my own free will. (The lady, who appeared to be very much affected, spoke very nervously. She left the building accompanied by her friends.)

His Honor, having taken his seat on the bench, asked applicant if he produced the letter to which reference was made yesterday.

Applicant said that the letter had been searched for, but had not yet been found. It would, however, be found. The opposing side did not deny the existence of the letter or the contents of it.

His Honor: That is not sufficient for me. However, here is what you may do.

Applicant said that he yesterday tried to get the affidavit of two medical men who had attended his wife at Kogarah, but one of them was away from home and the other was too ill to make an affidavit. In the first instance it was only the interference of his mother-in-law and others that caused the difference between him and his wife. It was brought about by her persistence in forcing her way into the house. She was not denied admission to the house on the Saturday.

His Honor: You cannot go outside the affidavits, and all you can do is to address yourself to the facts stated in those affidavits.

Applicant stated that the night before the abduction Mrs. Clarke bruised herself by pulling her things off and falling on the ground whilst walking in her sleep. There was a heavy thunderstorm that night——

His Honor: There is nothing of that kind in the affidavits, and I cannot allow you to address yourself to anything but the facts in the affidavits.

Applicant said he wanted to get affidavits of the facts he spoke of, but he was unable to see the two medical men. With regard to the case itself, he claimed the right to possession of his wife because she was forcibly taken from the vicarage, and an Englishman's house, which was supposed to be his castle, was invaded, and the sanctity of home set at nought. His wife had been violently abducted, and, according to the testimony of his witnesses, she did not wish to go and would not leave her husband. One witness said she saw her clinging to the gate and saying she would not go, and another said she heard Mrs. Annesley say to her daughter, "If you do not go you will get us all into trouble." Was a man's wife to be taken away from him contrary to law, and were people who constituted themselves for the moment arbiters in his case entitled to break into his house and take his wife away while the police adopted a policy of non-interference? If so, no man's home in the land was safe. He had no opportunity of communicating with his wife until the following Monday, and he had only caught a glimpse of her that morning as she went to his Honor's chambers, shadowed by two friends and a lawyer on each side of her. It seemed to him that a conspiracy had been entered into against him by a number of people, and that the police, though cognisant of it, did not interfere. There was no corroboration of his wife's statement, while he produced six witnesses whose statements concurred. There was her letter which his Honor wanted to see, but which he could not find, although he and others had searched for five hours in endeavouring to find it. There was not the slightest parity or analogy between the case of the Queen v. Jackson and his. He was in England when that case was decided, and it was one for the restitution of conjugal rights. He did not claim any such right at all, but simply wished to obtain possession of his lawful wife who had been stolen away. The letter to referred to was received by him when he was detained at Callan Park, and it was read by the medical gentleman there. All that he desired was that he might obtain lawful possession of his wife, and save her from the undue influence to which she had been subjected.

His Honor said that with regard to the circumstances attending the leaving of her husband by Mrs. Clarke he had no concern at all now, except in so far as they required explanation as to whether or not the lady was staying away from the applicant of her own free will. Upon that point he had quite satisfied himself, not only by the affidavits which were read in court and filled in opposition to the application, but by having an interview with the lady herself. It was by no means a private interview, because several reporters of the press were present at the time, and his simple object in having that interview with her away from her husband was that it was alleged that he had some serious kind of influence over her, and therefore he thought it would be better to examine her apart from him, otherwise he should have preferred the examination to have taken place in court. It was evident that Mrs. Clarke was staying away from her husband of her own free unrestrained will, and therefore there was no ground for granting the application. He did not intend to enter into the question whether or not she was forcibly abducted by Mrs. Annesley and her friends, or merely released by them from improper confinement at the house of her husband. There was an allegation that her husband improperly locked her up in the house and permitted no access to her. (Applicant: That is contradicted in the affidavits.) He could not allow the applicant to commit perjury. (Applicant: My wife could open the doors from the inside.) If the applicant persisted in interrupting he would have him removed from the court. There was evidence which justified him in thinking that Mrs. Clarke was improperly detained by her husband, and, that being so, she had a right to break out of the place if she could effect her release in no other way. However, all that he had to decide was whether applicant was entitled to the custody of his wife just as he would be entitled to the custody of any chattel or personal property. Well, the position of a wife was not like that of any chattel to which the owner had an absolute right—as had been distinctly laid down in the case of the Queen v. Jackson, 1 L.R. (1891), Q.B.D., page 671. Now had a husband a right to the custody of his wife as a parent had to the custody of his child. That was also clearly laid down, and it was just as well that it should be as clearly understood. The case of the Queen v. Jackson was not at all applicable to the present case, yesterday—a suit for the restitution of conjugal rights. On the contrary, it was a case in which a wife having left her husband of her own free will, the latter, as was stated in the judgment of the Court, captured her with violence while she was leaving church and with violence confined her in his house. Her friends thereupon applied for a writ of habeas corpus against the husband directing him to produce his wife so that the Court might decide whether she was improperly detained or not. Jackson claimed, as the applicant here also claimed, the right to keep possession of his wife; but the Court of Queen's Bench laid down what was clear and undoubted law—that if a wife wished to stay away from her husband he could not exercise duress over her and keep her in custody. It would be a lamentable state of things if the law were otherwise. For these reasons the application must be refused, and with costs.

Applicant: I give notice of appeal to the Full Court.

His HONOR: You have a perfect right to appeal if you wish.

POLICE COURTS.

DISTURBANCE IN AN HOTEL.

In the Central Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., Thomas O'Connor, 29, a labourer, was charged with having maliciously damaged decanters and bottles to the value of 15s, the property of Mrs. Annie West, of the Bellevue Hotel, Bellevue-street. Accused called for drinks, but when payment was demanded he refused to hand over any money. He was then threatened with the police, whereupon he picked up the glasses and decanters, and before he could be stopped had broken 15s worth. O'Connor was ordered to pay the damage, or, in default, either with a fine of £2, in default two months' imprisonment.

CHARGE OF THEFT.

At the Water Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Thomas Laurence, 29, labourer, was sent to gaol for three months, with hard labour, for stealing a parcel of hosiery, value £1 16s 5d, the property of Henry Bull and Co.

ILL-TREATING A HORSE.

On Saturday Mr. Smithers, S.M., sitting at the Water Police Court, fined Harry Johnson, a dealer, in the sum of £2, or 14 days, for ill-treating his horse by working it while in an unfit condition.

ASSAULT AND MALICIOUS CHARGE.

On Saturday, at the Water Police Court, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., three women—Margaret Ryan, 31, Alice Gregson, 24, and Mary Lee, 63—were charged with having been concerned in the concealment of the birth of a child of May Vaughan, and it was alleged that after the death of the said child the accused placed its body in a fire. Mr. Meagher appeared for the accused. A remand was granted to Thursday, as Mrs. Vaughan was said to be in the hospital, and too ill to appear. Bail was fixed at £100 each and sureties.

RIOTOUS CONDUCT.

At the Newtown Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. J. Belcher, J.P., a young man named Walter Frossing, aged 18, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner on the 28th instant at Newtown. He was fined 20s, or seven days' imprisonment.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY RIFLE CLUB.

This club held their third competition for the December quarter on Saturday, with the following results:—

Sergeant Evans, 500 yards 29, 600 yards 28—total 57; Gunner M'Callum, 28, 26—54; Driver C. Smith, 25, 28—53; Sergeant Renwick, 29, 21—49; Quartermaster-Sergeant Millnar, 27, 26—48; Driver Harrop, 23, 14—37; Driver Heaney, 21, 15—36; Quartermaster-sergeant Twyver, 16, 19—35; Driver W. Smith, 18, 11—30; Driver Thorpe, 10, 5—20; Gunner Tiller, 17, 3—20.

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GRATURA is not hosting to the system. —[ADVT.]

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

A programme of pony and galloway racing will be played out at Kensington this afternoon, commencing at 2.15. The usual means of transit by rail and road will be available to visitors.

Settling over the second day's racing in connection with the A.J.C. Summer Meeting takes place at Tattersall's clubrooms to-day.

The weights for the minor handicaps included in the programme for the opening day of Tattersall's Club annual race meeting are promised this forenoon.

The scratchings notified on Saturday in connection with Tattersall's Club annual meeting were Whalebone out of the Hurdle Race, and Circingle out of the Steeplechase.

After winning the Two-year-old Plate on Saturday, Engineer was submitted to public competition, and the son of Martini-Henry and Enigma realised £210, the purchaser being Mr. J. N. Hart. The colt had been nominated with a reserve of £25, so that under the conditions of the race the club benefited by the transaction to the extent of £92 10s, while a similar amount went to Messrs. Long and Hill, the owners of the second horse.

Fines of £1 each were recorded against E. Huxley, R. Gough, A. Luckman, D. M'Gregor, H. Cook, J. M'Hugh, E. Cleal, and D. Cook for lateness at the post for the two-year-old Plate.

After the Steeplechase at Randwick on Saturday Mr. S. R. Kennedy claimed second money for Sneaker on the ground that Albert, who finished behind The Joker, had missed the log fence at the old Derby corner, but the claim was subsequently withdrawn.

Some inconvenience in connection with the opening event was occasioned in speculative circles at Randwick on Saturday, owing to the disarrangement of the telephone wires which communicate with the central scratching room from the secretary's office. The wires got entangled during the storm of the preceding night, and hence the trouble, which was responsible for the retention of several numbers on the board after the horses to which they referred had been scratched. The matter was rectified as speedily as possible, and further inconvenience avoided.

The prizes distributed at the A.J.C. Summer Meeting amount to £4280 10s, of which the winners are as under:—Mr. T. Hill (Blarneystone first in Summer Cup and second in the A.J.C. Handicap), £1076; Mr. H. C. White (Georgie first in December Stakes), £597; Messrs. Long and Hill (Ordnance first in the Nursery Handicap, and Urry half of sale of Ordnance in Two-year-old Handicap), £292 10s; Mr. H. Roarty (Moorefield first in the Villiers Stakes), £280; Mr. J. J. Macken (Right Honourable first in A.J.C. Handicap), £245; Mr. H. Oxenham (Plain Bill first in the Welter Handicap), £215; Mr. J. Bentley, junior (Eureka first in the Trial Stakes), £210; Mr. John Gough (Engineer in the Two-year-old Plate), £200; Mr. H. Burnell (Bethel in the Highweight Handicap), £200; Mr. W. Muggridge (The Joker in the Steeplechase), £195; Mr. Haxton (Colonel in the Christmas Handicap), £195; Mr. J. Morris (Tactician in the Hurdle Race), £175; Mr. D. O'Brien (Bob Ray second in December Stakes), £100; Messrs. Brennan and Noake (The Trier second in the Summer Cup), £100; Mr. J. Osborne (Ophir second in the Villiers Stakes), £50; Mr. T. Brown (Marshal Ney second in the Trial Stakes), £50; Mr. F. M'Grath (Sherbrooke second in the Highweight Handicap), £50; Hon. W. A. Long (Little Agnes second in the Christmas Handicap), £50; Mr. A. Thompson (Loch Ena second in the Nursery Handicap), £50; Mr. J. Heathfield (Albert second in the Steeplechase), £50; Mr. W. R. Hall (Florrie third in the Summer Cup), £50; Mr. M. Griffin (Marsden second in the Hurdle Race), £50; and Messrs. R. E. and A. White (Mount Royal second in the Welter Handicap), £50.

The sires whose progeny secured winning brackets at the A.J.C. Summer Meeting are Tactician, Trevolvit, Wheatear, Cain, Summer Cloud, Metal (imp.), Grandmaster, Sardonyx, Splendor (imp.), The Drummer, Marvellous (imp.), Martini-Henry, and Sweet William.

The successful jockeys at the A.J.C. Summer Meeting were A. Griffiths, James Scott, Bowtell, Delaney, D. Gardiner, James Smith, D. Cook, G. Duraton, R. Gough, G. Phillips, J. Tierney, E. Cleal, and W. Delaney, each having piloted a winner.

Lochinvar and Shotover were on Saturday struck out of the Kensington Handicap, and Shotover out of the Fourteen-two Handicap.

The programme for the Canterbury Park Pony and Galloway Meeting, to be held on the 9th proximo, is published in this issue, intending voters are reminded that the last day named that nominations for the undermentioned events must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. W. L. Davies, before 5 p.m. on Friday next:—Flying Handicap (130 of 90 lbs), second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, Welter Handicap (14.2) of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, lowest weight 7st 7lb, 4 furlongs; Park Stakes, a handicap of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, for all horses 15 hands and under that have never won a steeplechase; Bridge Handicap (14.3) of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 5½ furlongs; River Handicap (14.1) of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Galloway Handicap (11.7) of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, once round—about 7 furlongs and 4 chains.

The management of the Sydney Turf Club are in the field with the programme drafted for the Anniversary meeting, which takes place on the 26th proximo. The list of fixtures is an attractive one, and entries for the following events must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, before 4 p.m. on Thursday next, 4th proximo:—Hurdle Race, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for all horses, about 2 miles; Anniversary Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, with 400 sovs. added, second horse to receive 50 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile and 1 furlongs. The entrance fee of one sov. must accompany each nomination, and Victorian sportsmen can transact the business in connection therewith at the office of W. R. Hall, Bligh-street.

To-morrow evening the Lillie Bridge Pony Carnival will be brought to a close, and the remaining heats of the Consolation Handicap will also be decided. Entries will be received up to 10 p.m. for the Bicycle Handicap and the pony races to be run on next Thursday evening.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Patron, his Excellency the Right Hon. Sir R. W. Duff; committee, Messrs. Alexander Mackellar (chairman), W. B. Walford (hon. treasurer), V. J. Dowling, E. Jones, Hon. Cohen, Hon. W. A. Long, Hon. C. Goodchap, Hon. H. C. Dangar, Messrs. J. W. Johnson, M. W. Traill, W. R. Hall; judge, Mr. A. Benson; starter, Mr. Thomas Watson; handicapper, Mr. J. A. Scarvell; timekeeper, Mr. John Hay; clerk of the course, Mr. Joseph Kean; Mr. T. S. Clibborn, secretary.

The metropolitan heath was the scene of of an enjoyable reunion on Saturday, when the Summer Meeting of the Australian Jockey Club was brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The assemblage, however, did not reach the proportions of the second opening day, the deficiency being most noticeable in the St. Leger reserve and on the flat. The meteorological disturbances of the previous evening had the effect of clearing the atmosphere, and an exhilarating south-easterly breeze brought about a most agreeable temperature. Freshened by the heavy rainfall on Friday evening, the beautiful slopes of the grand stand enclosure presented a bright and pleasing scene, which was further enhanced by the brilliant patterns of the flowering plants that showed in bold relief from the smooth and verdant turf. Thanks to the excellent drainage and the absorbent nature of the soil, the tracks were none the worse for the deluge to which they had been subjected on the previous evening, and the going was first-class. The general appointments left nothing to be desired, and everything needful in the way of creature comforts was provided in the catering department. The members of the band of the 2nd Infantry Regiment occupied their customary position on the lawn and, under the able conductorship of the bandmaster, Mr. H. M'Mahon, discoursed sweet harmony during the intervals between the races, and the inspiriting music was a pleasing feature of the afternoon's amusement. Though the fields were not extra large, the racing was of an interesting description throughout, and several of the finishes rank among the most exciting ever seen on the course. In the Christmas Handicap the issue was in doubt up to the last moment, the battle between Ordnance and Loch Ena in the Nursery Handicap was almost equally close, and the finish for the Summer Cup between Blarneystone and The Trier was worthy of the occasion. The cross-country event was responsible for a number of mishaps. The favourite, Prodigal, turned turtle over the log fence near the old Derby corner, and for a few moments grave fears were entertained for the safety of his rider, P. Nolan; but public anxiety was soon relieved when the popular horseman regained his feet apparently none the worse for the fall. Reckless also came down over the same obstacle, and both horse and rider escaped without injury. The paling fence opposite the St. Leger reserve—the final obstacle on the steeplechase course—brought about a more serious accident, for Sneaker and Mark Twain struck it, and came down in quick succession. The former turned right over and fell on his rider, W. Rheece, who, after the horse got clear, remained motionless on the turf, and a fatal result seemed inevitable. Assistance was promptly to hand, and the prostrate jockey was removed in an unconscious state to the casualty-room, where he soon recovered his senses, and the medical examination showed that his injuries consisted of a fractured collarbone and shock to the system. S. Hendricks, who piloted Mark Twain, was thrown heavily, and got his left arm badly bruised, but he pluckily remounted his horse and finished in third place. Owing to severe indisposition the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, was unable to be present, and his duties were undertaken by Mr. T. R. Evans, who carried them out in a most satisfactory manner.

THE DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

The second day of the Summer Meeting was, as regards the weather, all that ladies could desire. The wind was just in the quarter which sends a cool breeze through the grand stand, and excepting the sharp shocks and anxiety for man and horse which accompanied the accidents to Prodigal and Sneaker there was nothing to disturb the pleasure of the ladies, the majority of whom wore the same as on Boxing Day. There were many pretty summer gowns, amongst them being the white hailstone muslin of Miss M. Bowden-Smith, which was worn over a buttercup slip, and with a black drawn net hat with Marechal Niel roses. Mrs. A. H. Macarthur in white muslin, Mrs. Walter Hall in fleelle holland, Mrs. Lasseter in apple-green crêpe with black net draperies, Miss Macarthur in daffodil crêpe, Miss K. Campbell in white, Miss Rose Gore in cream floral muslin, were amongst the early arrivals. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tooth, the lady wearing a charming gown of steel-grey figured silk, the bodice veiled with cream guipure; black drawn net hat, with cream feathers. Miss Twynam, in gown of figured white muslin, the mauve flowers giving the tone to the other portions of the toilette. Mr. and Mrs. Learoyd; the lady's gown was very fashionable and artistic. A navy skirt of apple-green confined at the waist by butter-coloured guipure; an overdress of white cornah silk striped and figured in a Watteau floral design. The bodice of the figured silk with broad shoulder straps, and chous of green moiré ribbon, and the introduction of the butter-coloured guipure, made a lovely toilette. A pretty hat of corresponding colours was worn. Mrs. Scott's handsome gown of white French muslin, figured with a floral design, had rows of Valenciennes insertion, arranged in Vandyke style, with a flounce of Valenciennes lace below; pretty summer hat, the flowers matching the design of the gown; parasol of black, with design in changing colours as the light fall upon it. The broad epaulette canes of white lace bordered the coloured guipure, and falling over the full sleeves, were a becoming addition to Mrs. Busby's handsome gown. Mrs. Donkin wore white, a broad sash of pink, and the pink and blue flowers in the bonnet adding a charming colour effect. Miss Digby's muslin gown was figured in pink. Mrs. Elwyn Blomfield wore a pink-striped blouse, with a navy blue serge skirt, and wide-brimmed leghorn hat. Mrs. Rennie wore fawn-coloured spotted silk, the bodice having a V back and front of hellotrope chiffon bordered with handsome cream guipure. Mrs. Denison Brown's white silk was striped with hair-lines of black, and worn with a fichu cape of black net trimmed with black satin ribbon and black lace; black lace hat with lobelia blue flowers. Miss Macgregor wore a pretty light blue muslin, with narrow gauffred stripes in white, trimmed with white lace, white straw hat trimmed with blue. Mrs. Cyprian Stanton wore a black and white check silk with bodice of white, veiled with black chiffon, the skirt finished with a bias flounce, headed by jet, a sash of black satin tied at the back, the ends reaching to the front flounce. Mrs. Broughton, with a handsome black silk skirt, wore a blouse bodice of the same, with a deep collar of jet, and black drawn net hat with cream feathers. Miss Twynam, in gown of figured white muslin, the mauve flowers giving the tone to the other portions of the toilette. Mr. and Mrs. Learoyd; the lady's gown was very fashionable and artistic. 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Mrs. Broughton, with a handsome black silk skirt, wore a blouse bodice of black mervelleux having pin spots in deep red, just sufficient colour to light the black broad bands of white Irish point for trimming. Mrs. Henderson's cornflower blue zephyr was effectively trimmed with broad white braid. Mrs. Stayten's China silk dress had broad panels of guipure of the same shade down the front of the skirt. Mrs. H. E. Inskip wore white Indian muslin, the frills edged with narrow satin ribbon; leghorn hat, with pink ribbons and white feathers. Miss Bernard's gown of pale pink veiling was trimmed with black lace used for zouaves on the bodice. Mrs. M. Lewis's gown was striped white and white, with broad white frills. Mrs. Mervale's black toilette was relieved by a white straw bonnet trimmed with black. Mrs. R. Richards had a handsome gown of drake's-head blue silk, striped in satin of the same shade. Miss Richards wore muslin and white striped cambric; a deep Puritan collar of white linen edged with handsome embroidery, and gauntlet cuffs to match, gave a quaint effect to the whole. Mrs. Campbell (Duntroon) wore a gown of new check pattern, in blue grey. Mrs. Pascoe's light tailor-made coat and skirt was worn with white blouse and pink scarf. Miss Netta Cohen's light blue muslin with navy lines on white was very becoming. She finished with a leghorn hat with pink roses and blue loops.

There were several handsome gowns in light-coloured silks with full chiffon draperies on the sleeves and bodice; tailor-made gowns in dark colour, with cream lace and richly-tinted satin ribbons; many stylish toilettes in white muslin, drill, and cambric; white gowns, two richly embroidered in Indian designs; orange, violet, pink, salmon, buttercup, heliotrope, magenta, black, all had their supporters, and several of the richest toilettes worn have been noticed on former occasions. Most of the married ladies named were accompanied by their husbands, and the visitors also included his Excellency the naval Commander-in-Chief, Mussen Pasha, Major Hedley, Deputy-Lieutenant Corbett and Mr. Taylor in attendance, the Hon. S. A. Stephen, the Hon. James Watson, Misses Watson, Mrs. and Misses Blomfield, Dr. Arthur Cox, Dr. R. J. and Mrs. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hordern, Miss Hordern, Mrs. H. Hamb, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, Mrs. Frank Macdonald, Messrs. Reginald and Herbert Allen, Mr. C. Card, Mr. and Miss Macbardy, Mr. Macgeorge, Hon. W. J. Trickett, Mr. J. M. Purves, Mr. T. J. Marks, Hon. C. A. Goodchap, Mr. E. Terry, Mr. Aug. Hill, Mr. Wallace Scott, &c.

THE RACING.

The scratching pen was very busy among those engaged in the Christmas Handicap, for which Confidence was in most favour, while Right Honorable, Bel Giorno, and Pharamond also came in for a deal of support. Lady Agnes cut out the work in front, and appeared to have everything settled at the half-distance, where Durston brought the favourite with a great rattle, and scored a win by a short head. On the strength of track work the mean-looking Creme proved to be a pocket piece for the Nursery Handicap, but was never in it, and, Ordnance, getting away second best, went to the head of affairs after a couple of furlongs had been travelled, and although tiring very rapidly just got home in front after a desperate effort on the part of Loch Ena, who finished right gallantly, and was within a head of the daughter of Splendor when they flashed past the post. Prodigal, with Nolan up, was a strong order for the Steeplechase, but the mount of Albert, and Sneaker's mishap in turning turtle The Joker, Mark Twain, and Albert were left to battle it out, with Sneaker in waiting. The lastnamed had more pace than his opponents when it came to racing, and it appeared to be all over when the latter fell at the fifth jump opposite the Leger reserve. He crashed through them like a blind horse, and so did Mark Twain, leaving The Joker to canter home alone from poor, ill-conditioned, wearied-out Albert, who, after all sorts of trouble, staggered in a bad second. The numerous mishaps are nearly accounted for. In the first place, the logs at the old Derby turn are too near the starting-post, and horses have not time to settle fairly into their strides before they come to them. Moreover, at the time the steeplechase are run at Randwick the sun breaks right upon the logs and glares in the eyes of the men and horses, but those in the grand stand and many others cannot be expected to understand such things. Then that terrible, deceptive so-called "bullock" fence, which Albert negotiated with a horse to run off. Well, its removal has for many years been advocated by men who have ridden over fences, and in your columns, but it remains there still, and probably will do so until the death-roll of jockeys is considerably increased. Fifteen left the paddock for the great race of the afternoon, the A.J.C. Summer Cup, and after a commission had been executed in favour of The Trier he settled down a pronounced favourite at 5 to 1. Florrie, with our crack horseman, Gallagher, as pilot, and Honour Bright were very heavily supported, while Tridentate had a host of friends, and Projectile was not forgotten. Newman had a faithful following; in fact it is said that several immediately connected with Blarneystone much preferred the prospects of Kelso's horse. Be that as it may, the latter was first away, and, with Florrie, Ophir, and Tridentate, made the running to the home turn, which was negotiated The Trier, who had been in a bad place on the outside all the way, took command under punishment, and, after having disposed of everything, apparently had the business in hand, until Blarneystone put in a racehorse-like climb at the half distance. A brilliant struggle took place all the way home. Neither finished nor swerved, and a race that must have gladdened the heart of the backer-upper took place right up to the post, resulting in favour of Blarneystone by about a head, while Gallagher worked Florrie into third place. Loyalty never showed prominently, neither did Honour Bright, but Russniff was in it a very long way, and Ophir ran exceptionally well. The weak-hearted Killiecrankie was in most request for the Two-year-old Plate, but left his followers in the ditch, and Engineer won a good race from Ury, who finished at a great pace. Bethel and Marshal Ney both contradicted their previous running by the positions they occupied at the finish for the Welter Handicap, and Plain Bill, who went out well backed at 8 to 1, scored a popular win for his owner. The following are the details:—

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added, second horse 50 sovs. from the prize; 1 mile.

Mr. F. Gaxion's b m Confidence, by Sardonyx—First Love, 6 years, 5st 4lb (G. Durston) 1
Mr. W. J. Long's b m Little Agnes, by Trenton—Dame Agnes (imp.), 4 years, 7st 6lb (R. Gough) 2
Mr. J. J. Macken's br c Right Honorable, by Grandmaster (imp.)—Crystal, 3 years, 8st 4lb (H. Gardiner) 3
Mr. W. Forrester's bl g Belgiorno, 6 years, 8st 10lb (John Gough) 0
Messrs. Franks' ch h Pharamond, 4 years, 8st 8lb (J. V. Warden) 0
Mr. John Mayo's br g Bendigo, aged, 8st (D. Cook) 0
Mr. S. Hordern's b or br g Playmate, 6 years, 7st 6lb (E. Cleal) 0
Mr. J. R. Clarke's br g Reconstruction, 3 years, 6st 12lb (including 3lb over) (Luckman) 0
Mr. S. Hordern's br c First Shot, 3 years, 6st 12lb (including 3lb over) (P. Harris) 0

Betting: 3 to 1 v. Confidence, 5 to 1 each v. Right Honorable, Belgiorno, and Pharamond, 6 to 1 each v. Bendigo and Little Agnes, 10 to 1 v. others.

Little Agnes and Confidence were the first to show from a splendid start, and the latter, taking up a lead of half a length from Little Agnes and a crowded lot, showed the way to the half-mile post, where Little Agnes on the inside headed her by half a length, while Pharamond was hardly a length away, with the others crowding upon him. As Durston eased Confidence, Little Agnes came on in command, and led into the straight by nearly a length. She looked like a winner at the distance, but a little further on the favourite, coming with a most resolute challenge, just reached her in time to win by a short head. Right Honorable was two lengths away, followed by First Shot, Pharamond, Bendigo, Playmate, Reconstruction, and Belgiorno. Time, 1 minute 43½ seconds.

NURSERY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added, second horse 50 sovs. from the prize, for two year olds—5 furlongs.

Messrs. Long and Hill's br f Ordnance, by Splendor (imp.)—Crossfire, 7 years, 7st (R. Gough) 1
Mr. A. Thompson's br f Loch Ena, by Lochiel—Herbena, 7 years, 8st 3lb, including 1lb over (J. Shipton) 2
Mr. S. Hordern's br f Rebel Queen, by Nordenfeldt—The Queen, 7 years, 7st 3lb (E. Cleal) 3
Mr. H. Oxenham's br c Waterfall, 7 years, 8st 3lb (W. Delaney) 0
Mr. J. M'Sweeney's b c To Whit, 7 years, 8st 3lb (D. Cook) 0
Mr. H. C. White's br c Fort, 7 years, 8st 3lb (R. Ellis) 0
Mr. W. R. Hall's br c Beau Seant, 7 years, 8st (C. Parker) 0
Mr. S. Hordern's b c Cravat, 7 years, 7st 9lb (P. Harris) 0
Mr. A. Hook, jun.'s br c True Blue, 7 years, 7st 7lb (A. Delaney) 0
Mr. C. L. Balfour's b g Creme d'Or, 7 years, 7st 5lb (A. Luckman) 0

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Creme d'Or, 5 to 1 each v. Fort and True Blue, 6 to 1 v. Rebel Queen, 7 to 1 v. Ordnance, 10 to 1 v. Cravat, 12 to 1 v. Loch Ena.

A straggling start sent Loch Ena, Ordnance, and True Blue away in advance, while Fort and To Whit was left out of it. Ordnance went to the front after passing the three-furlongs post, and came up the running with the matter apparently in hand; but Loch Ena called upon her at the half distance, and a great race ensued, resulting in a head victory for Ordnance. Rebel Queen was a couple of lengths away, followed by Waterfall, True Blue, Creme d'Or, Beau Seant, Cravat, Fort, and To Whit. Time, 1 minute 3½ seconds.

STEEPLECHASE, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize. About 2½ miles.

Mr. W. Muggridge's b g The Joker, by The Drummer—Camellia, 4 years, 9st 9lb (G. Phillips) 1
Mr. J. Heathfield's b g Albert, by Albury—Chieftain mare, aged, 12st 7lb (Mr. A. B. Paterson) 2
Mr. C. Churchill's ch g Mark Twain, by Mark Tapley—Queen of Spades, aged, 10st (S. Hendricks) 3
Mr. E. J. Thorne's ch g Farnell, 4 years, 9st 11lb (T. Grimes) 0
Mr. R. de W. Massie's b g Prodigal, aged, 10st 8lb (P. Nolan) 0
Mr. S. R. Kennedy's ch g Sneaker, aged, 10st 7lb (W. Rheece) 0
Mr. E. Keys's ch g Reckless, aged, 9st 11lb (P. Regan) 0
Mr. A. Lourden's b g Inkerman, aged

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 29.

H.M.S. Crescent, 13 guns, screw cruiser, first-class, 7700 tons, 11,000 indicated horse-power, Captain F. W. Fisher, from Portsmouth 10th September, Plymouth 11th September, Gibraltar 18th, Malta 19th, Port Said 22nd, Suez 25th, Aden 30th, Colombo 10th October, Singapore 18th, Hong Kong 24th, Chefoo 2nd November, Port Arthur 3rd, Chemulpho 10th, Port Arthur 11th, Chefoo 22nd, Nagasaki 28th, Hongkong 8th December, Manila 12th, Amboyna 17th, Thursday Island 22nd, with 370 officers and men, reliefs for her Majesty's ships Orlando, Lizard, Mildura, and Rapid.

Lesuru (s.), 1174 tons, Captain J. D. Joy, from Melbourne 27th December. Passengers—Mesdames A. Harris and infant, A. Burrington, T. Dorn, M'Mirchall, Airey, Ward, W. H. Smith, A. Lewis, Pritchard, Cleveland, Scott and infant, Misses A. Spinner, M'Mirchall, A. B. Fordham, Gladstein, Wright, Lyons, J. Robertson, H. A. Harris, T. Fordham, King, A. Davis (2), Dawes, M'Beth, De Mole, Pearson, Lewis, Mackay, K. Allen, Birrell, Foot, A. Scrymgour, A. Haman, A. Robertson, Messrs. A. Harris, T. and A. Aarons, P. J. Kyburn, C. Smith, Burrington, W. Allen, Dr. Yale, J. Dorn, J. Arnold, F. Fore, C. George, R. Oliver, Langam, R. H. Rowe, H. Hunter, F. Davis, W. Perry, H. Collier, G. Andrews, Forwood, B. Porter, H. C. Bell, F. Gibbon, Edwards, Lowanthal, Mercer, H. Smith, S. Crisp, A. M'Gill, W. F. Kendall, J. Craig, R. S. Weir, A. Bodysmuhe, S. Prouse, W. Hayes, Master B. Colnge, also 36 in the second cabin. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Kanowarra (s.), 1273 tons, Captain William Ellis, from Townsville, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Muller, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Shea, Mr. Galloway, Messrs. Muller, Muller, M'Sleigh, Mr. O'Keefe, Miss O'Keefe, Mr. Newman, Miss Crouch, Mr. O'Connbe, Miss Banbury, Miss Mackay, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Rymer, Mr. Cameron, Miss Tunstall, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Baker, Mr. Trewen, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Humphrey, Miss Griffiths, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Barclay and child, Miss Williams, Miss Douglas, Miss E. Williams, Mr. Stapleton, Miss Bissett, Mr. D'Este, Mr. Elcoate, Mr. Norris, Mrs. Muir and child, Miss M'Lennan, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Kent, Mr. Desgrand, Mr. and Mrs. M'Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and child, Mr. Hume, Mr. M'Donnell, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Bros, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Carrol, Mr. and Mrs. Adler, Miss Sedger, Miss Hare, Barbeau, Burke, Miss Petty, Mr. Rydlauch, Mr. and Mrs. M'Shane, and 55 in the steerage. For Melbourne—Messrs. O'Neil, Holt, Armstrong, Howden, Mrs. Ferguson, and 4 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Son, Limited, agents.

Industry (s.), 1169 tons, Captain W. G. Vincent, from Queensland ports, via Mackay 24th December. G. S. Yuill and Co., agents.

Oonah (s.), 1636 tons, Captain Featherstone, from Hobart 27th December. Passengers—Mesdames Whitelaw, Adams, Wallace, Shaw, Misgett and family, Walker, Curtis, Macardle, Chartres, Chorley and family, Dingwall, Sinclair, Misses Piggott, Juliett, Reynolds, Walker, Mathews, Wallace, Thick, Macardle, Messrs. Whitelaw, Weston, Adams, Margett, Bouchier, Curtis, Schutt, Charlres, Carne, Miller, Ralf, Robison, Summers, Kircaner, D'Arcy, Clampett, Chorley, Summerfield, Dingwall, Shaw, Booth and son, Chapman, Sinclair, Gilles and boy, Lieutenants Stevens and Goggans, Masters Cook, Docker, Wallace, and 80 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Nautilus (s.), 1414 tons, Captain R. J. Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Sydney (s.), 634 tons, Captain Anderson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Fiona (s.), 817 tons, Captain R. H. Smith, from Melbourne. Colonial Sugar Company, agents.

Pericles, ship, 1308 tons, Captain Philips, from London 16th September. Passengers—Dr. and Mrs. Burgess, Miss Burgess, Miss M. Ennis, Miss A. Ennis, Miss Hogg, Mr. Shurley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Ennis, Mr. Lattie, Mr. Matzen, Mr. Ward. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents.

DECEMBER 30.

Pukaki (s.), 1444 tons, Captain W. A. Pearce, from Launceston. Passengers—Mesdames A. Simson, J. Murray, J. J. Kunge, N. Cohen, Misses Elliott, Bell, L. Barker, C. Cohen, Messrs. A. Simson, F. Thomson, F. W. Ellery, Dale, T. K. Robson, C. Harcourt, N. Cohen, P. Cohen, S. Solomon, Dr. Harris, Masters Simson (2), Cohen, and 11 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Tomki (s.), 887 tons, Captain Ryan, from Richmond River 29th December. Passengers—Mesdames Brown, Clark, Manning, Cochrane, Elliott, Misses Mathews, Simpson, Masters, Hurst, Hamilton, Elliott, Messrs. Mathews, Duncan, Stinson, Tepper, Armstrong, Mackie, M'Callum, Manning, and 24 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Bonnington (s.), 2650 tons, Captain Frank Bell, from Brisbane 28th December. Passengers—Misses Ferguson, Benning, Mapleston, Weir, Arnold, Banfield, Kate Bannister, Dean, Messrs. Meadows, Decker (2), Goddard, Griffen, Walcott, Arnold, J. M. Cramer, Kawson and child, Messrs. Carter, Power, Starke, Marks, Russell, Rome, Farnham, Johanning, Fowler, Hamilton, Power, M'Guire, Beardmoore, Boland, Benwick, Greathead (2), Lennon, Keenan, Smith, Scheriman, Norris, Lewis, Smith, Cryer, Arnold (2), M'Ilar, Bankd, Vesmes, Kawson (3), Carter, and 18 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Allowrie (s.), 507 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports 29th December. Passengers—Mesdames Cunningham, Turbett, Watson, Atkins, Spinks, Jarger, Stone, Miss Seymour, Messrs. Cunningham, Grant, Jauncey, Barton, Jaeger, Pain, Miller, Quinn, Gallagher, Hanson, Salway, M'Paul, Jones, Master Seymour, and 4 in the steerage. Illawarra S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Rosedale (s.), 374 tons, Captain T. Paulson, from Belinger, via Port Macquarie. Passengers—Messrs. Baker, Warltin (2), Gustalson, Dr. Roth and family, Dr. Stokes, Messrs. Allerton, Sargent (2), Haywood, Goodwin, Campbell, Butler, Jennings, Whatten, Wright, Kiddle, Melville, Master Haywood, Pepper, Mrs. Manning, Misses Hutton, Webber, Robinson, Cook, and 2 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Marania (s.), 2465 tons, Captain H. W. H. Chatfield, from Auckland. Passengers—Misses K. Bayley, Mennie, Bing, Mrs. Jones (2), Hamilton, Abbott, Mrs. Abbott-Smith, Mitchell, Clements, Rogers, Henry, J. C. Smith, Hinton, Reynolds, Sneeman, K. Sheeman, Nixon (2), Reid, Moxam, Postmaster, Bennett, Mrs. Postmaster, Downey, J. Downey, Goodall, Bright, Walters, Crowther, Mesdames Singer, Mahoney and son, G. W. Williamson, Barton, G. H. Moore, Sievers and child, Veasch, Kerr, Miss Lawes, Mr. Andrews, Misses Walters, Clarke, Andrews, Mrs. Williams and Kerr, Judge Barton, Messrs. Mahoney, Arnold, Smith, Mean, W. G. Williamson, T. L. Gore, H. Lindsay, W. Lee, Rotchman, Keogh, Hall, J. H. Moore, D. Lynch, Jas. Hinton, J. Cassin, H. W. Farquhar, A. C. Smith, C. J. Neville, E. L. Sievers, W. P. Spedding, R. B. Newell, Norman, Archibald, Sinclair, F. Field, F. F. Josephson, P. Blake, R. Williams, Haslem, Varnham, H. J. Kilty, Turnbull M. L. Cotton, F. A. Jonson, John Hines, J. Howard, C. J. Halstead, S. Brooks, Masters, Rev. Father Piquet, Brother Felix, J. W. Gillett, Lizzary, and 24 in the steerage.

Illawarra (s.), 2501 tons, Captain T. W. Lockyer, from Port Hacking. Passengers—Mrs. M'Grath, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Alison, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mundy, Misses Johnson, Harper, Hughes, Ryall, Lipman, Hooper, Sexton, Palmer, Mesdames M'Naughton, A. Lipman, S. Mason, F. Weeks, A. M. Amos, J. Allison, J. Ryall, C. E. Graves, F. B. Smith, J. Kiser, R. Gibbins, H. M'Grath, J. J. Hoff, Hodges, F. Kerslake, B. Freeth, A. Freeth, A. Lobban, A. sr. Gerrard, C. F. Bawden, J. T. Folson, J. M'Grath, W. Campbell, Master Ryall, and 12 in the second cabin. Mr. and Mrs. Rooke, Messrs. J. and A. Cook. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

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Konowarra (s.), 1273 tons, Captain Wm. Ellis, for Melbourne. Passengers—Miss Wilson, Mr. M'Donald, Miss F. Giano, Miss B. Giano, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Rushen, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, Messrs. D. Bullock, D. E. Brown, James Ford, Miss A. Donaldson, Miss M. Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Devine and child, Messrs. Turner, J. Thompson, M. Thompson, Miss Gullan, Messrs. B. B. M'Naught, Bowtree, J. Noolan, Miss Rickerby, Messrs. C. W. Rock, Donald Mackay, D. M'Lean, Miss Bolton, Mrs. M'Mahon, Messrs. Pelson, O'Neil, Holt, Armstrong, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. E. Brown, and 18 in the second cabin.

Franklin (s.), 730 tons, Captain R. Brown, for Queensland ports. Passengers—Messrs. M'Carthy, J. Bowman, W. South, H. Darnley, C. Ball, Mesdames Everet and child, Emanuel and child, Miss Everet and child, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, and 15 in the steerage.

Hauroto (s.), 1068 tons, Captain A. Anderson, for Wellington and ports. Passengers—Mesdames Vanhan, Turnbull, M'Donald, Lough and infant, Anderson, Gibbs and 2 children, W. J. Smith and 2 children, Eden George and 2 children and infant, Stretton and child, Masters, Collins, Misses Charnier, Smyth, Turnbull, Wilde, Colbourne-Baber, Water, Mr. S. Dunn, Woolridge, Brien, Anderson, Mrs. W. J. Smith, H. C. Josselyn, J. R. Macdonald, T. S. Field, F. F. Josephson, P. Blake, R. Williams, Haslem, Varnham, H. J. Kilty, Turnbull M. L. Cotton, F. A. Jonson, John Hines, J. Howard, C. J. Halstead, S. Brooks, Masters, Rev. Father Piquet, Brother Felix, J. W. Gillett, Lizzary, and 24 in the steerage.

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done to take charge of the new department. The intention of the Government to remodel and extend the operations of the Labour Bureau has already been announced. Prior to this being done Mr. Garrard intends paying a visit to New Zealand, to make a careful inquiry into labour legislation and the working of the Government Labour Bureau in that colony. Mr. Garrard has already been supplied by Mr. W. P. Reeves, the New Zealand Minister for Labour, with the fullest official information on the subject, and Mr. Garrard now desires to supplement this information by personal inquiry into the methods pursued in New Zealand. He has a number of friends and relatives in New Zealand, and he will thus be enabled to obtain reliable information from the citizens as well as from the official point of view. He will leave for New Zealand on the 3rd January. On his return he will leave Sydney again about the 25th January for Broken Hill in fulfilment of a promise to visit that locality. While passing through Adelaide on his return he will also make inquiries in regard to labour legislation in South Australia. It is understood that the new Department of Industry will undertake some of the functions of the British Board of Trade, and it is probable that a board of advice composed of five or six representatives of the chief industries of the colony will be appointed to assist the Minister. One of the chief objects will be to promote the interests of the producing classes by procuring information in regard to the best methods of production, packing, &c., also in regard to prices of produce, wages, and all other information likely to be of service to the industrial community.

THE GOVERNMENT LOAN EXPENDITURE.—Speaking to a reporter on Saturday in regard to the proposed loan expenditure by the Government, the Premier said he regarded the scheme of providing a sinking fund in connection with certain loan expenditure as an important step in advance as compared with the practice hitherto adopted in this colony even by the most capable of our financiers. For instance in the Loan Bill of 1890 no sinking fund provision was made in connection with such items as erection of 12 cottages at Newington Asylum, Fire Brigade Station, purchase of land for lunatic asylum, new steamer for pilot service, purchase of land for public parks, £100,000 for Richmond River improvements, £100,000 for Clarence River improvements, £50,000 for Newcastle Harbour improvements, £10,000 for Tweed River improvements, £50,000 for naval stations, £18,000 for appliances in connection with sandpump dredges, £18,500 for new dredge for Clarence River, £10,000 for dredge plant for Sydney Harbour (or a total of £569,000 under the head of Harbours and Rivers). In the Government Architect's branch for courthouses, lockups, police buildings, post and telegraph offices, hospitals for the insane, &c., the sum of £232,000 was voted in 1890. For bridges, £92,000 was obtained; for wood-blocking roads, £22,000; for reticulation works, sewerage, &c., over £1,400,000; technical education buildings, £44,000; High schools, £20,000; additional areas for Public school grounds, £50,000; agricultural colleges and experimental stations, £20,000; water conservation, irrigation, &c., £150,000. The total of the loan for 1890 was seven millions sterling, of which, however, two millions sterling was to pay off debentures. That Loan Act, Mr. Reid says, was passed at a time when Mr. M'Millan was the Colonial Treasurer and Mr. Bruce Smith Minister for Public Works—admittedly two of the most cautious and able financiers the colony has ever had. "The difference," Mr. Reid says, "between the Loan Act of the present Government and those of its predecessors is that we—as to works which are not directly or indirectly reproductive—provide for a sinking fund from the current revenue to pay off the whole of the expenditure in 30 years. It was obvious to me as Treasurer that it would be grossly unfair to a particular year's revenue to charge that revenue with the cost of works, the utility of which would extend over from 30 to 100 years. But by an annual contribution from the revenue something like a fair distribution of the cost of the work is effected. Everyone of these buildings and works included in the present Loan Act have been urgently pressed on various Governments during the past few years, and they would have been done long ago but for the impossibility of raising money for the purpose. Our financial position is now so much stronger that it is questionable whether we will have to raise a loan at all. If we do decide to raise a loan there are any number of persons running after us in the desire to subscribe to it. That is an entirely different state of things to what prevailed a year or so ago. Mr. Reid says he cordially agrees about the necessity for the strictest caution and moderation in regard to Loan Acts, and such caution, he thinks, the Government has exercised in regard to the present Loan Act, especially as a considerable portion of it is required for engagements entered into by previous Governments, and the rest is required for works of which previous Governments have admitted the necessity.

MINISTERIAL VISIT TO ARTESIAN BORES.—Mention was made some time ago of the intention of the Minister for Mines and Agriculture to shortly pay a visit to some of the artesian bores in the West. Mr. Sydney Smith has now decided to leave for Bourke on the 4th January in company with the superintendent of public watering-places. He will be absent about a week, and will probably inspect the Native Dog, Kelly's Camp, the Pera, and Walkden's bores. The object of the visit is to decide the question of establishing an experimental irrigation farm at the Pera bore, a few miles from Bourke. There are already two such farms in the district, and the idea is to shift the one at the Native Dog bore to the Pera bore, in which case the Native Dog bore farm would be leased. Mr. Sydney Smith will visit Wyalong on his return from Bourke.

ISSUE OF FUNDED STOCK.—A letter has been received by the Premier from a Sydney stockbroker stating that there is much uncertainty in regard to funded stock, and asking whether, in the event of the Government deciding to issue any more, it will be sold at par or at a premium. Mr. Reid, in reply, says that, if the Government does decide to issue funded stock in future, it will not be sold at par, but at the best rate obtainable. It may be explained that the Government is in no immediate need of money, as there is at present close upon two millions sterling of actual cash in the banks standing to the credit of the colony. This of course includes money both from revenue and loan.

SLEEPERS FOR THE NARRABRI-MOREE RAILWAY.—Mr. Morgan, M.L.A., in company with Mr. Hodgson, secretary of the Dubbo Timbergetters' Association, has been seeing the Minister for Works in reference to letting the contract for the supply of the rest of the sleepers for the Narrabri-Moree railway. Under a contract let by Mr. W. J. Lyne to the Timber-getters' Association, 55,000 sleepers were supplied out of the 120,000 required for that line. The object of the deputation was to induce the Minister to let the contract for the balance, as it would provide a considerable amount of work for the unemployed. It was said that it would keep from 250 to 300 men going for four or five months. Mr. Young has promised to consider the matter.

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.—Mr. Littlejohn, president of the Civil Service Commission, had a long interview with the Premier on Saturday on the subject of the labours of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Littlejohn reported that the work of the commission was progressing satisfactorily.

NAVAL NEWS.—DEPARTURE OF THE CURAÇOA.—The stirring event among the squadron to-day will be the paying off of the Orlando's crew, and the transfer of the relief crews from the Crescent to their respective ships. On Saturday last the Curaçoa left the harbour for England. The Orlando band played "Home, Sweet Home," and a crowd of admiring spectators thronged the Botanical Gardens and along the points of the Domain. Bluejackets might be seen hanging from the rattlins or sitting horse-back fashion on the yards, while one enterprising youth sat on the main truck, where he went through a few fancy feats of Blondinism as the Curaçoa headed out of the cove. Passing Double and Rushcutter bays flags were dipped to some signals from friends ashore, and soon the Curaçoa was on her way outside the Heads. She is to spend a week or two at Melbourne and at Adelaide. The Pylades, which is to take her place, is a much inferior ship.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.—A paragraph recently appeared in the London *Times* in regard to the Pacific cable, in which it was stated that the colonial Governments were favourable to a subsidy to the Pacific cable, but that the English Government favoured a guarantee. We are informed upon inquiry that the very reverse is the case. The Secretary for Telegraphs states that the New Zealand Conference showed clearly that all the colonies expressed themselves in a most decisive manner in favour of a guarantee and against a subsidy. Another paragraph recently appeared in the *St. James's Gazette* stating that the Pacific cable had not yet received the attention it deserved either in England or the colonies, and that it will have to pass uncommonly near regions of a volcanic nature. This, it appears, is also erroneous, for the official reports show that the matter has been fully considered. We learn that it is a well-known fact to the official experts in the colonies who have been dealing with the Pacific cable route that Necker Island is simply a bare rock, subject to volcanic eruptions, and unsuitable as a depot or resting-place for the Pacific cable. Mr. Sandford Fleming, in his paper on the subject, recommended that the cable should be landed on this island. Mr. P. B. Walker, however, in his report attached to the New Zealand Conference papers, strongly condemned this route, all the evidence showing it to be most unsuitable for the purpose. The paragraph in the *St. James's Gazette* also refers to Bird Island as a probable alternative resting-place for the cable, but Mr. Walker says there is no necessity for this whatever, as in the routes proposed at the New Zealand Conference these two islands can be avoided by making a single span of 2300 miles. This length can be worked satisfactorily, and it would avoid the volcanic regions referred to.

MAIL STEAMERS.—To-day the Orient will leave the quay for London, and the Ormuz is due to take up the berth after the Orient leaves. The Ormuz passed Green Cape at noon yesterday, and is therefore likely to arrive soon after daylight. On Saturday the French steamer Australien left the Messageries Company's Wharf for Marseilles, with 160 passengers and a large quantity of wool and other cargo. A wire from Albany reports the arrival there of the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat after a fast run of 26 days from Marseilles. She left for Adelaide the same night, and may be expected to reach there to-morrow night. The Oroya, from London, also arrived at Albany on Saturday, and sailed at 2.45 p.m. for Adelaide.

WRECK OF A BARQUE.—ALL HANDS LOST.—A cable was on Saturday received by Messrs. Davies and Fehon, of this city, informing them that the American barque Southern Chief, while on a voyage from Puget Sound to Adelaide, was lost on the Californian coast during a hurricane, and it is believed that all hands perished. The Southern Chief was 1219 tons, built in 1857 in Maine, U.S.A., and owned by Mr. W. A. Boole, of San Francisco.

SIGNOR HAZON'S DEPARTURE.—A great crowd assembled at the Messageries Maritimes Wharf on Saturday to witness the departure of the Australien. Much of the added interest was due to the fact that Signor and Signora Hazon and their family were sailing for Marseilles, and many were the congratulations showered upon the fortunate conductor at the attainment of his long anticipated holiday. Punctually at noon the last bell rang, and soon Signor Hazon, looking delighted at the prospects of the voyage, was waving adieux to his friends on the wharf. Amongst those were Dr. and Mme. Laure, Dr. Hankins, Messrs. Maritech, Wiegand, Allpress, Sydney Moss, Anderson, Truman, Chalmers, Cramp, and Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Kingsmill Shaw, Mme. Emily Soldene, Miss Lottie Hyam, Mrs. Carl Fischer, Miss Agnes Chambers, Miss Moss, and Signora Schiavi.

SYDNEY COLLEGE OF MUSIC.—Since the recent examinations in connection with the Sydney College of Music, all the candidates have been informed by the registrar (Mr. J. B. White) of the detailed marks gained by them. In addition to the certificates issued in accordance with the list already published in these columns, the following candidates have been awarded medals:—Theory—Intermediate honours: Florence Edith Gee; prox. acc. Bessie Bently King. Singing—Advanced honours; Louie Galvin; prox. acc. Lillie Gibson and Celia K. Marks. Theory—Primary honours: Lavinia E. Vernon (Tumut) reached the required standard, but that candidate being over the regulation age was ineligible for a medal. It should be added that the council fixed a high percentage of marks in the honour division as the minimum required to qualify for a medal, the general scheme of the college being to maintain a high standard at all examinations. In this way many candidates passed well in the honours division, though only two medals were won. In the other divisions of the examination medals were not awarded.

FIREMEN'S SOCIAL.—The first annual social of the Newtown branch of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was given in the station, Australia-street, on Friday night. The room had been tastefully decorated. Altogether 50 couples responded to the invitation of the firemen, and all spent a very pleasant evening. The dancing, which was kept up till a late hour, was interspersed with songs and recitations contributed by Mr. Murray, Miss Murray, Mr. J. Morris, Mr. South, and others. The whole of the arrangements were carried out under the direction of Fireman Gordon, officer in charge of the station, and Firemen Lee and J. Morris.

THE PARRAMATTA WATER SUPPLY.—A special meeting of the Parramatta Borough Council was held on Friday evening, when the Mayor reported that he had been in communication with the officers of the Water and Sewerage Board with regard to connecting the borough with the Nepean water supply should necessity arise. The question of price was to be decided at the next meeting of the board. Alderman Taylor moved,—"That it is most desirable in the interests of the borough that a deputation, consisting of the Mayor and Alderman Byrnes, be appointed to wait upon the Water and Sewerage Board to ascertain from them, in the event of the drought lasting seven days longer, at what rate per 1000 gallon of water they will charge to supply the borough from the Nepean supply." Alderman Thorpe moved,—"That the Mayor be empowered to arrange for a supply of water if required." After some discussion the amendment was ruled out of order, and the motion was withdrawn, the Mayor stating that if occasion required he would seek to make temporary arrangements with the Water and Sewerage Board. While the discussion was going on there was a heavy downpour, which put 3ft. of water in the reservoir, that being about a month's supply.

THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.—It is expected that Dr. Wordsworth, Bishop of Salisbury, who arrived in Melbourne by the R.M.S. Ormuz on Friday last, will visit Sydney early in the month of February next. It is understood that from Melbourne the Bishop will go to Tasmania, thence on to the Bluff, Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland. Thence he will come on to Sydney. Dr. Wordsworth will preach the sermon at the consecration of the Bishop of Melbourne on 25th January. It is probable that he will attend the conference of Bishops at Nelson on 31st January. It is intended to ask the Bishop to deliver an address whilst he is in Sydney, but, we are informed that, in this connection, no definite arrangements have yet been made.

ILLNESS OF THE REV. DR. GILCHRIST.—At St. John's Presbyterian Parsonage, Paddington, yesterday morning, the Rev. Dr. Gilchrist was suddenly seized with paralysis. Dr. Gilchrist intended to preach yesterday morning, but shortly after 8 o'clock his condition assumed such a critical state that medical assistance had to be called in. The rev. gentleman's medical adviser, Dr. C. K. Mackellar, is of opinion that the condition of Dr. Gilchrist is serious.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, SURRY HILLS.—Yesterday afternoon in St. David's Church, Surry Hills, the Primate (Dr. Saumarez Smith) held a confirmation service, assisted by Archdeacon Dunstan, M.A. There was a large congregation. The offertory was in aid of the Diocesan Church Society. The Primate administered the rite to 21 candidates, five males and 16 females.

THE LATE MR. BENJAMIN NELSON.—Mr. Benjamin Nelson, whose death is announced in this issue, is an old colonial identity. Mr. Nelson arrived in Hobart in 1839, and, after sojourning some years in Maitland and Sydney, started business in Orange in 1857 with his brother Morris, trading as importers and general merchants under the style of Nelson Brothers. He was many years an alderman of Orange, was twice Mayor, and was for 24 years a magistrate of the colony. After retiring from business about 10 years ago he settled in Sydney, and passed away at the ripe age of 81, leaving a widow, to whom he had been 53 years married, and five children.

THE ALLEGED ABDUCTION CASE.—On Saturday Mr. Justice Innes sat in Chambers for the purpose of determining the application of the Rev. James Clarke, incumbent of the parish of St. George, Kogarah, for a writ of *habeas corpus*, directing Amelia Annesley, his mother-in-law, to give up his wife, whom, as he alleged, she, with the assistance of others, abducted. Acting upon the suggestion thrown out by his Honor on the previous day, Mrs. Clarke attended, and, in reply to questions put to her, stated distinctly that she had left applicant of her own free will, and did not wish to go back to him. The applicant subsequently addressed the Court, not only upon the statements made in the affidavits, but upon several matters which were not before the Court, and contended that there was a preponderance of evidence in favour of the presumption that his wife had been forcibly abducted, and that his incarceration in Callan Park was not justified. His Honor said that he was of opinion not only upon the affidavits, but the wife's statements to him, that she left her husband's house of her own free will, and was not prevented from going back by any undue influence exercised over her by her mother or anyone else. That being so, the law clearly was that the husband had no right to possession of his wife, as if she were a mere chattel, nor did he even have the same right which the law gave a parent in regard to his child. He, therefore, dismissed the application, with costs. Applicant stated his intention of appealing to the Full Court.

DIVING IN SHALLOW WATER.—A young man named Thomas M'Cormack, residing in Regent-street, Redfern, who was bathing at North Harbour on Saturday, misjudged the depth of water when diving, and struck his head on the bottom, injuring his neck and shoulders. When admitted to the Sydney Hospital M'Cormack was in a delirious condition.

FALL FROM A TREE.—On Saturday afternoon a boy named Hazel Adams, residing at Rushcutter Bay, was taken to the Sydney Hospital suffering from a fracture of the right thigh. It was stated that the injury was caused by a fall from a tree.

A BATHING ACCIDENT.—On Saturday morning a boy named Reginald Ritchie, 10 years of age, while bathing in the Figtree Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay, walked out of his depth. His difficulty was seen by another lad, named Thomas Nolan, who dived for him, and after two attempts succeeded in bringing him to the surface. Ritchie was then taken to the Sydney Hospital, where restorative measures were adopted, and he is now regarded as out of danger.

ACCIDENT TO A JOCKEY.—Whilst riding in a race at Randwick on Saturday a jockey named Stephen Hendricks fell from his horse and received severe injuries to one shoulder. He was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital, where he was placed under the treatment of Dr. M'Kinnon.

A SERIOUS CASE.—The young woman Johanna Hickey, who on Tuesday last was admitted into Prince Alfred Hospital suffering from serious injuries, succumbed in the institution yesterday morning. Three persons are under arrest in connection with the case.

FATAL FALL FROM AN OVERHEAD BRIDGE.—On Saturday afternoon an inquest was held at the George-street Asylum, Parramatta, on the body of George Sparks, an inmate, who died that morning consequent on injuries received by a fall from an overhead bridge connecting one of the buildings of the asylum. Deceased was a native of Liverpool, England, and was 69 years of age. Herbert Wilkinson, a carrier, stated that on Friday morning he was leading his horse out of the gateway of the institution, when he saw deceased on the abutment of the wall of the northern building; he climbed over and caught hold of a piece of iron which projected from the bridge near the building referred to; he hung on to this iron at full arm's length for about a minute, when he let go and fell on his feet; when he reached the ground he fell backwards on his head. It was stated that the bridge was protected by a barricade 6ft. high, over which the deceased first had to climb. The fall from the bridge was about 20ft. Dr. Isaac Waugh, medical superintendent, stated that when he saw deceased he was suffering from fracture of both bones of one leg below the knee, and from some collapse occasioned by shock. The cause of death was collapse. It was stated by the chief attendant that he had heard that the deceased wished to go out, and had complained that he was not allowed to go out at the gate. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from the effects of a fall, the result of his own act.

GILDED COINS.—On Saturday night Detective West arrested a man in the act of attempting to pass a gilded shilling, purporting to be a sovereign, in a shop in Market-street, near Park-street. Upon the prisoner being searched at the Central Police Station, two gilded shillings and four gilded sixpences, closely resembling sovereigns and half-sovereigns, were found upon him.

FIRE AT WOOLLAHRA.—A small outbreak of fire occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. T. E. Knox, managing director of Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, Bellvue Hill, Woollahra. Some sparks from the chimney fell on the roof, igniting the dry shingles, which blazed freely. The inmates with a garden hose, assisted by the Waverley Volunteers, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The roofing for a space of 14ft. x 12ft. was destroyed by fire, and the furniture of a room beneath was damaged by water.

MR. J. A. DESBISSETS, the viticultural expert to the Department of Agriculture, is to lecture at the Town Hall, Ryde, on Friday, at 8 p.m., and at the Liverpool Town Hall on Saturday, 5th January, at 3 p.m., on "Phylloxera."

WE have received from Messrs. Hector Ross and Co., of Kent-street, one of their business tablet calendars.

A FREE breakfast was given yesterday at the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen, Kent-street, to 250 men. During the past week 2288 meals have been supplied, and shelter afforded to 912 persons. Out-door relief was given to 11 families, comprising 25 persons.

THE Prince Alfred Hospital report for the week ended 29th December is as follows:—Admitted, 54; discharged, 47; died, 7; remaining in hospital on 30th December, 194. Number of out-patients treated during the week, 308; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 269: total, 577. There are 41 enteric cases in the wards.

TO-DAY.

Burton-street Tabernacle: Watch Night Service, 10.15 p.m.

No. 146, Elijah, R.B.P. Meeting: To elect Officers, To-night.

Kensington Racing Club: Pony and Galloway Races. First race starts at 2.15 p.m.

Organ Recital: Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Coogee Palace Aquarium: Open Daily.

Fisk Jubilee Singers: Centenary Hall, York-street, Saturday and Monday, 8 p.m.

Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: At 8 p.m., the Elephant Keeper will put Jessie and Toby through their wonderful performance.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "The House that Jack Built," 8 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: "Cinderella," 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "Charley's Aunt," 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "Span of Life," 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Variety Entertainment, 2.30 and 8 p.m.

"Nana": On exhibition daily, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., 55 Castlereagh-street.

Kinetoscope: Open daily, 148 Pitt-street.

Cyclorama, opposite Redfern Railway Station: 10 till 10.

Lot's Wife Illusion: 420 George-street.

QUEENSLAND.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, SUNDAY.

The Worker states that it is rumoured that the Queensland pastoralists resolved at a meeting to raise the labourers' wages to 30s per week, and at the same time to reduce the shearing rate to 17s per 100.

Rain is badly needed in the Mary River district. The corn crop is almost spoiled, and the cane is suffering somewhat; but in the Bundaberg district steady rains have fallen, and all the crops there are flourishing.

The total Customs collections at Brisbane for the month of December amounted to £50,866, being an increase of £421 as compared with December last year. The collections for the quarter show an increase of £2668, and for the half-year an increase of £11,896. The collections for the year ended December amounted to £20,127, being an increase of £3518 as compared with last year. The harbour dues for the year amounted to £20,127, being an increase of £1458 as compared with last year.

THE COAL TRADE.

SOUTH CLIFTON COLLIERY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BULLI, SATURDAY.

A modification of the proposed reduction at South Clifton to 1s 9d has been made by the manager, Mr. W. Wilson, to 2s, for all heights, which has been refused by the miners. Mr. Wilson points out that this rate is the same as is paid at the Metropolitan Colliery (Helensburgh), North Clifton, Woonona, South Bulli, Mounts Pleasant and Keira, Austinmer, paying 1s 6d for unscreened coal. The coal at the South Clifton mine is more easily worked than in any mine in the district, besides the workings being dry and comfortable, consequently the management does not feel justified in paying more than the average price ruling at other mines. No trouble is anticipated in the matter whatever.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

REPORTED CHINESE INDEMNITY.

LONDON, DEC. 30.

It is reported at Washington that China has undertaken to pay an indemnity to Japan, such payment to be made in silver procured from the United States.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WAR-SHIPS.

ALL WOOD TO BE EXCLUDED.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

The naval authorities of Germany have issued orders to the effect that in future in the construction of men-of-war for the navy all wood shall be excluded, even for the furniture and fittings of the vessels. This decision, it is understood, is the outcome of the havoc wrought on board the Chinese warships in the naval fight in the Yalu River, in which several vessels were set on fire in consequence of the woodwork becoming ignited by the explosion of shells from the Japanese warships.

THE RUSSIANS AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

LARGE REINFORCEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

The Russian troops at Vladivostock, the naval station in Eastern Siberia, are to be largely reinforced next year. The Volunteer Fleet attached to the Russian navy will carry 10,000 troops to that port.

The so-called Russian "Volunteer Fleet" constitutes a factor that must not be underrated in Russia's next war with any other Power. The ships of the Volunteer Fleet, about 12 in number, are in peace time merchantmen, which can in time of war be easily armed and used for doing the work of cruisers. They provide for the regular traffic between Odessa and Vladivostock, and run in addition the tea trade and passenger traffic between China and the Black Sea, besides being employed in peace as transports for troops, particularly for carrying recruits and reserve men between Odessa and Batoum. The connection of this fleet with the State was formerly much too loose, in consequence of which a new organisation of it took place in 1886, whereby the Volunteer Fleet is under the Admiralty, but has its own management and capital.

THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

MR. GLADSTONE'S VIEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 30.

In connection with the late outrages in Armenia, Mr. Gladstone states that it is the duty of England to await the results of the inquiries now being instituted into the circumstances of the alleged atrocities. In the event of their being proved, outraged humanity, he says, should excrate the Sultan of Turkey, and make him sensible of the madness of his policy.

DIVULGING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

A FRENCH GOVERNOR-GENERAL DISMISSED.

LONDON, DEC. 30.

M. de Lanessan, Governor-General of Indo-China, stationed at Saigon, has been dismissed by the French Government for divulging the contents of official documents.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL.

LONDON, DEC. 30.

The latest bulletin with regard to the condition of Lord Randolph Churchill is to the effect that he is in a much less comatose state. The immediate danger has diminished, but the gravity of his condition is otherwise unaltered.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

PROPOSED FEDERAL PRIVY COUNCIL.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

Sir Henry Wrenfordsley, Chief Justice of the Leeward Islands, and formerly Chief Justice of Western Australia, has written a lengthy letter to the *Times* on the subject of federation. He suggests that a federal privy council for Australia should be constituted from the existing Legislative Councils, the province of such body being to deal with bills of an intercolonial character. Five Ministers from each colony should be allowed to occupy seats on the council, and the decisions of the council should be final.

GOLD-MINING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

The Lake Lefroy Gold-mining Company, Coolgardie, with a capital of £150,000, has been registered.

DEC. 30.

The North Cœsus Gold-mining Company is offering to the public shares to the extent of £29,000.

NORTH BRITISH AUSTRALASIAN COMPANY.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

The annual meeting of the North British Australasian Company, Limited, has been held. The balance-sheet showed a debit balance of £55. The chairman announced that the directors proposed to convert the accumulated interest on the 6 per cent. guaranteed stock into stock when the finances would permit of the payment of interest being resumed.

COLONIAL GEESE, RABBITS, AND POULTRY.

LONDON, DEC. 28.

The geese brought by the Austral have been sold, and realised at the rate of 6d per lb. The rabbits brought 1s each. The fowls and ducks by the S.S. Tongariro, from New Zealand, realised from 1s 6d to 2s each.

FROSSARD'S CAVOUR CIGARS, mild, fragrant, spl. value; packets, 8 for 1s.—[ADVT.]

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

SHOCKING INCIDENT AT A CHRISTMAS FETE.

FIRE IN A CROWDED BUILDING.

SAD LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

A disastrous incident in connection with the celebration of Christmas festivities has taken place at Silverlake, in the State of Oregon, U.S.A.

During the progress of a fête in a public hall on Christmas Eve an oil lamp exploded and set fire to the building, which was crowded at the time.

Forty-one persons were burned to death, and 16 others were seriously injured.

AN IMPERIAL CUSTOMS UNION.

THE *STATIST'S* PRIZE.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

The Marquis of Salisbury, who was requested to act as one of the judges in the competition for the prize of 1000 guineas offered by the *Statist* for the best scheme for the establishment of an Imperial Customs Union, asked the Marquis of Lorne to act as a judge in his stead. The Marquis of Lorne has expressed his willingness to do so.

VICTORIA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

FIRE AT PORT MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The chemical works and acid factory of Felton, Grimwade, and Co., situated at Port Melbourne, were destroyed by fire this morning. The fire broke out at 3 o'clock. The brigades were quickly on the spot, but could do nothing, the water supply being deficient, and the factory buildings, which are mainly built of wood, containing highly inflammable property. The work of the brigade was attended with grave danger. The explosion of acids and other chemicals went on continuously, and the fumes from the burning mass of 600 tons of sulphur were overpowering. Fortunately no person was injured. The total damage is estimated at £13,000. Of this £9100 is covered by insurance, the risks being divided amongst 18 offices.

THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The announcement that the Bishop of Salisbury would preach in St. Paul's Cathedral this morning caused a crowded congregation to attend the service. The sermon was on the "Glory of Womanhood."

EGG AND BUTTER SHIPMENTS.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The butter and eggs shipped from this port per Arcadia for London form the subject of a report to the Minister for Agriculture by Mr. G. H. Campbell, the agent appointed by the Government to supervise Victorian goods placed on the London market. His report is dated 23rd November, and states that the demand for the finest butter was decidedly brisk, and nearly the whole shipment was cleared off at 104s to 110s per cwt., fancy brands realising up to 116s, while the butter of a favourite Victorian factory was much sought after, and sold as high as 118s. Owing to the action of the Copenhagen committee in keeping up the price of Danish butter, the Danes were playing right into the hands of the Australian butter-holders. The eggs were found to be in excellent order. They were carried at a temperature of 32° to 35°, and, judging from their excellent condition, this is about the right temperature. Mr. Campbell recommends the use of cases (holding 360 eggs) with a double partition, so that the cases could be sawn in two on arrival, and sold, if necessary. The method of packing eggs in pea husks was highly satisfactory and could hardly be improved upon.

GOLD YIELD OF THE COLONY.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The total Victorian gold yield for the year now closing is 670,544oz. The total gold yield since 1851 to date amounts to 59,443,102oz.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The Melbourne Clearing-house returns for the week ended 22nd December were £2,893,316, being a decrease of £431,522 as compared with the corresponding week of last year. The total clearances since the beginning of the year amount to £123,816,116, against £138,258,074 for the corresponding period of last year, or a decrease of £14,441,958.

A return has been prepared showing the total expenditure of the Education Department during the year ended 30th June to have been £671,476. This total includes grants to the University, technical schools, &c. The net decrease in the expenditure compared with the previous year was £104,317. The cost per annum of each child in average attendance was £4 14s 6½d last year, as compared with £5 0s 11½d in the previous year.

At an inquest yesterday on the body of Francis Norman Mason, who was killed on Boxing Day while quarrelling with his brother, William Mason, the jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure. William Mason will therefore be discharged from custody.

The Elingamite sailed yesterday for Sydney with 87 cases fruit, 35 bales peanuts, 150 bags flour, 191 bags onions, 68 bags wheat, and 1900 bags chaff.

NEW ZEALAND.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AUCKLAND, SUNDAY.

Monkhouse, who has been mentioned in connection with the Tichborne case, is remembered here by several old identities. He was a painter and decorator, and went home 26 years ago.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLD-FIELDS.

SOME NICE NUGGETS.

RUMOURS OF A NEW RUSH.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COOLGARDIE, SATURDAY.

In Lindsay's mine, at the 100ft. level, the reef is 16ft. thick, about 6ft. being quarts, the balance lode stuff but carrying gold. It will all go through the battery. A 26oz. nugget was found on Thursday at Pig Flat, near Coolgardie. A miner named E. Joshua picked up a 14oz. slug at Kurnalpi last week. The town is full of rumours, about 1110oz. of gold having been brought from a new rush, said to be 30 miles from the Ninety-Mile, but no definite information is obtainable.

The town council has decided to ask the Mayor to reconsider his resignation. He will be granted two months' leave of absence, with an extension of the time if desired.

SUNDAY.

Murphy and M'Cormick are showing marvellously rich stone from the Esmeralda Group, IOU. The samples are white and blue quartz stained with iron, showing gold in large patches all through. Gold dollied has realised over £2000. So far very little sinking has been done, but costeens show that the lode runs all through. Thirty-six acres has been taken up by the prospectors, and the ground for some distance all round has been pegged.

The Hospital returns show that the present number of inmates is 36. Of these 22 are fever patients. Two deaths occurred during the week.

THE NEWCASTLE COAL CRISIS.

STRIKE AT THE HETTON COLLIERY.

240 MINERS CEASE WORK.

THE POINTS IN DISPUTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NEWCASTLE, SATURDAY.

This afternoon the whole of the Hetton Colliery miners, about 240, struck work and brought out their tools. The news spread rapidly throughout the district and caused considerable excitement. This action of the Hetton men is regarded as indicative of similar movements at other collieries where reductions have been proposed, and at whose lodges resolutions have been passed refusing to submit to such. The dispute between the management of the Hetton Colliery and the miners has been in existence about a month. It commenced over payment for six-yard bords, not over the hewing rate, which is still maintained at 3s 2d per ton. The management want the 2s 2d yardage formerly paid on six-yard bords to be abolished; but the miners refuse to submit to this, maintaining that it is the custom of the district wherever six-yard bords are worked to allow yardage. The management contend that this payment for yardage is an innovation, which originated at two or three of the larger and older-established collieries for a certain purpose, viz., to cripple newly-formed collieries working under tidal waters. The larger coal companies are alleged to have endeavoured (by thus increasing the expense of production) to place a stumbling-block in the way of the development of those collieries then just opening, and which were compelled to drive six-yard bords, while the older collieries would hardly be affected at all, not working under tidal waters. In other words, what has become a serious expense to the latter class of coalmines would be but a trifle of cost to the old-established collieries, who could well afford to pay it. The Hetton management have, therefore, resolved to pay this yardage no longer. The next complaint is "no payment for powder." The management contend that barely half the collieries in the district pay powder-money. This has been allowed hitherto by the Hetton Company for coal worked under the morgan, but for nothing else. The management state that in any case this reduction would only affect six or seven pairs of men. The men assert that this non-payment means a loss in nine days' work of 12s per pair of men working on the backs, and 4s 6d per pair for men working on the face. The next grievance is non-payment for putting up slabs in certain portions of the mine. The management have hitherto been paying 1s per slab. These slabs are principally required in the headings for the men's own safety, and the management maintain that according to No. 26 of the special rules of the Miners' Association the men have a right to put them up themselves, and decline to continue further payment for such work. The miners state that it is customary to pay for putting up slabs in every mine in the colony, and insist upon this payment being kept up. The next item is the refusal of the company "to pay the shilling extra per yard for four men in one place." The management say that there are only four collieries in the district which pay for this item, and as the majority of the managers decline to pay it, the Hetton Coal Company can see no reason why they should. The miners retort that it is not to their advantage to work four in a bord, but that they have to do it at the special request of the company, and that these special places are at present under the average rate of wages at the colliery. They therefore insist upon payment of the extra shilling. A sore point is that of the "morgan." This always has been a bone of contention at all the collieries from time immemorial. The miners declare that the aggregate deductions in yardage, &c., mean from 6d to 7d per ton.

Thus the matter stands at present. The shift men will go to work on Wednesday. The colliery will lie idle till then. There are a large number of skips below filled ready to be brought to the surface. Many of the shift men belong to the Miners' Union, and it is questionable whether they will perform any other than bona-fide shift work. The manager says they will have to do what they are told to do, but some have already expressed a determination not to cut coal. The same difficulty lies with the wheelers at the mine. Some of the older hands also belong to the union, and they have intimated their intention of not wheeling for any but union miners. Meetings of shiftmen and wheelers will probably be held to consider the position. At present the company has no vessels loading.

SUNDAY.

Yesterday afternoon the Seaham miners, whose notice of 14 days (either to accept a reduction of 2s 10d per ton and 1s in yardage rate) expired on 29th instant, received intimation that the above notice would be extended until 14th January, 1895.

The Wallsend miners, whose notices terminating all agreements expires on Monday, 31st December, have also received further intimation of extension of notice until the 14th proximo.

Nothing has transpired here as to the result of the meeting of coal proprietors held in Sydney on Friday. Those gentlemen resident in Newcastle who were present are courteously reticent in giving the slightest information.

The general impression in Wallsend to-day is that the Wallsend miners will work to-morrow and finish up the year, but that when the red flag is hoisted on Tuesday to resume work on Wednesday, they will not go in. With regard to the Hetton strike, Mr. Mathieson said this evening that if the men remained obdurate he would still be able to work his colliery without police protection.

MEETING OF GRETA MINERS.

PROPOSAL TO MASS UNEMPLOYED IN SYDNEY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

GRETA, SATURDAY.

Matters at the Greta colliery are still quiet. The majority of non-unionists spent Christmas holidays at their homes in the lower district. The unionists confidently expected that the majority would not come back, but their hopes were not realised, as nearly all returned. Ten additional free labourers arrived on Thursday, and more are expected shortly. Mr. Cowlishaw has caused notices to be posted at the colliery that no reduction in the hewing rate will be made, whatever may be done about Newcastle. A number of free labourers are now living in the houses in the company's paddock. About 7.30 o'clock last evening a few unionists were proceeding along the main North road between Greta and Branxton, when eight free labourers came out of a house lately occupied by a

The two South Australians, Giffen and Darling, made the necessary stand. Darling opened out on the fast ones in a most businesslike way, and after cutting Richardson a couple of times was applauded for a workmanlike 4 drive. The crowd watched the batsman keenly. In quick succession he drove him for 4 and 3, and then back-cut him, bringing 40 up to a perfect clamour of cheers. It was too fast to go on, and the ball was given to Lockwood. With the first two balls he knocked off the bails, but they were the bails of the wicket he was bowling from. With his third there was a jump and a crack, as if the bat had split. The ball went soaring out in the field, but Stoddart, who was posted there, never stirred. He had judged the force of the hit exactly, and watched it soar over his head and drop among the crowd to a burst of cheers. It was a grand hit and quick as a flash. Lockwood got him eventually with a clever head ball, for he sent down a slow one, and Darling hitting over it was bowled. His 32 was a brisk innings, and the best bit of cricket for the day. The fourth wicket fell at 53. Iredale was Giffen's next partner. Ford made a good attempt to shovel him up in the slips, but failed by a few inches. Briggs, who usually fields so well, let one past him for the second time. At 67 a double change was tried to Richardson and Briggs. When Giffen, with an off hit, brought the score level with that of the Englishmen there was loud cheering, and from an Australian point of view it looked entirely satisfactory. It meant that Australia had 16 wickets to fall as against England's 10. What better could a representative team desire? From this point, however, things began to go wrong. Iredale played forward to one of Richardson's, and the twinkle of a bail in the sunlight was the only sign that he had been beaten by a beauty from Richardson. Five for 80. Between the change of partners Giffen had to keep marching round, as he got a nasty crack on the knee from Richardson. Just as he reached Darling's score he tried to draw a ball from Briggs, but appeared to get completely tangled up with it, and Phillipson got a surprise catch behind the wickets. It was not an easy one to decide, but the umpire was against the batsman, whose own view was that the ball struck him on his right pad, and touched the strap of the other as it went through his legs and screwed over the wicket. Six for 86. Giffen's 32 were made slowly, occupying about one hour and three-quarters. Though Coningham was very uneasy when opposite the fast bowling, he and Trott stayed. Their play, however, was dismally slow. Coningham seemed to have no idea of playing Richardson, and kept walking out in anticipation, and trying to meet full toeses. Then, when he had got 10 rather toilfully, he touched one, and Phillipson, who, as was anticipated, kept wickets instead of Gay, caught him. Trumble only managed to get a single when Richardson bowled him with just such another as beat Iredale. The length was perfect. It rose just as high as the bails. A little before this the same bowler had pitched one just outside Trott's off stump, and it broke back and went within a hair's breadth of the top of the middle stump. The eighth wicket fell for 110. Jarvis started with a lucky 4 for a snick behind the wicket. He was playing nice cricket, and there seemed every probability that he and Trott would see the day out, when, through some confusion as to the call, both found themselves in the middle of the wicket, both crouching and stationary. Even then a treble gave them a chance to complete the run, as they should have done. They still faltered, and Trott was run out. His batting was again marked by extreme caution. The end was not long delayed then, for Jarvis, after playing nicely, went out to hit Briggs, but changed his mind and sent back again, and feebly patted it into the hands of Brown at point—a miserable stroke. The innings closed just on the stroke of 6 o'clock for 125.

Of the two innings that of the Australians was the more disappointing, for there was nothing in the wicket to get such scores as this side out for 125. Admitting that Richardson bowled better perhaps than he has yet down in Australia, the Australians' position was the end of the day should have been at most 150 for six wickets. The Australians themselves felt this to be the case. A splendid opportunity had been offered them to make he match a certainty, and they missed their chance. Should they suffer defeat now it would be idle to make excuses for it. As the wicket was rolled by arrangement for a quarter of an hour after play ceased on Saturday, and there are no holes in it there is no reason why it should not suit the batsmen in the second innings quite as much as it did the bowlers in the first, and with a continuance of fair weather there will be heavy scores. The takings of the day amounted to a little over £630.

Appended are the scores:—

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Ward, c Darling, b Trumble	...	30
M'Laren, c Trott, b Coningham	...	6
Stoddart, b Turner	...	10
Brown, c Trumble, b Turner	...	0
Read (wall), c Iredale, b Coningham	...	0
Peel, c Trumble, b Turner	...	6
Ford, c Giffen, b Trumble	...	9
Lockwood, not out	...	9
Briggs, c Iredale, b Turner	...	5
Phillipson, c Darling, b Turner	...	1
Richardson, c Iredale, b Trumble	...	1
Leg byes, 9; no balls, 2	...	11
Total		78

Bowling Analysis.—Coningham, 66 balls, 17 runs, 5 maidens, 2 wickets; Turner, 120 balls, 32 runs, 9 maidens, 5 wickets; Trumble, 55 balls, 19 runs, 4 maidens, 3 wickets. Trumble bowled 1 no-ball.

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

Lyons, b Richardson	...	2
Bruce, c Ford, b Peel	...	4
Giffen, c Phillipson, b Briggs	...	32
Trumble, c and b Richardson	...	2
Darling, b Lockwood	...	32
Iredale, b Richardson	...	0
Trott, run out	...	16
Coningham, c Phillipson, b Richardson		10
Trumble, b Richardson	...	0
Jarvis, c Brown, b Briggs	...	11
Turner, not out	...	1
Wides	...	2
Total		123

Bowling Analysis.—Richardson, 138 balls, 57 runs, 6 maidens, 5 wickets; R. Peel, 84 balls, 21 runs, 4 maidens, 1 wicket; W. H. Lockwood, 36 balls, 7 runs, 0 maidens, 1 wicket; J. Briggs, 81 balls, 26 runs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets. Richardson and Lockwood each bowled a wide.

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT AT MOSS VALE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

MOSS VALE, SATURDAY.

The military encampment was continued today under very favourable circumstances, the weather being delightful. The troops were paraded at 6.30, and at 9 o'clock the cavalry were put through squadron drill and boer formation, and acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. The infantry companies were exercised in a variety of movements. At 2 p.m. the troops were marched towards Bowral for the purpose of making an attack on the township of Moss Vale, the Civilian Rifle Club and residents being stationed at Bong Bong River as a defence force. The whole arrangements were well carried out. About 700 people turned out to witness the sham fight, and evinced much interest in it. Major-General Hutton and his Excellency the Governor, together with Sir John Lackey, were present, the firstnamed being the umpire-in-chief. Afterwards the troops marched to camp, headed by the Artillery Band, where the forces was formed up and reviewed by the Governor. Major-General Hutton inspected the troops and complimented them, especially the Civilian Rifle Club and the citizens, on the able manner in which the sham fight had been carried out. The men were then dismissed. The umpires were Lieutenant-Colonel Taunton and Major Walters. The residents have taken much interest in the encampment. Mr. Frank Throsby gave the use of Throsby Park and grounds for the encampment, and the Moss Vale Council gave all the water required.

SUNDAY.

The encampment broke up last night, with the exception of the West Camden Cavalry, the Army Service Corps, and the Artillery Band, which remained for the church parade this morning at the Church of England. The men, headed by the band, marched from the camp to church, at which the band took part in the musical portion of the service. There was a very large attendance, amongst whom were Lieutenant-Colonel Waddell, Majors Bayly and Walters, and other officers. The Rev. R. S. Willis conducted the service, and delivered an appropriate discourse. Last night the officers and troops were entertained at a smoke concert by the Moss Vale Musical Society. The band played a number of selections this afternoon opposite the council chambers, a very large number of residents being delighted with the excellent music. All the arrangements in connection with the encampment were satisfactorily carried out, and no accident of any kind occurred. Major-General Hatton is the guest of the Hon. W. Laidley at Sutton Forest.

Don't put off till to-morrow week what you might have done yesterday, but use to-day a bottle of Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer, which never fails to restore the hair to its colour and freshness of youth.—[ADVT.]
GRANUMA prevents Indigestion. tu[ADVT.]

ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. CRESCENT.

AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF HER VISIT TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

RELIEFS FOR THE FLAGSHIP, THE LIZARD, AND OTHER WARSHIPS.

Long looked for, the Crescent is at last snug in Farm Cove with nearly 600 officers and men destined to remain for three years on the Australian station. It is a few days over seven months since the same ship came to Sydney with relief crews, and in the ordinary course of events she would have been here just two months ago; but the unsettled state of affairs in the Far East caused a complete change of programme with regard to her movements after she had left the English Channel for Sydney, as will be seen from the interesting account supplied by an officer of the cruiser. When at last she made Sydney Harbour on Saturday morning, and was passing Garden Island and the ships moored off there, the time-expired men—who have eagerly awaited the arrival of the day for their departure for old England aboard the Crescent—cheered her as only British tars know how to cheer, and the hearty exclamations of satisfaction were taken up by the crews of the other warships when the Crescent's engines ceased moving and the ship was shackled to the mooring-buoy. The Crescent left Plymouth on the 11th September for Sydney, having embarked 18 officers and 445 men for the Orlando, four officers and 53 men for the Lizard, two officers and six men for the Mildura, three officers and one man for the Rapid, and four men for the Curaçoa.

Despatches for the senior naval officer were landed at Gibraltar, and the ship made a stay of a little over 24 hours at Malta, thence going on to Port Said. As it was necessary to go light through the Canal on account of her deep draught of water, coaling was postponed till arrival at Suez, and the ship was pushed on through the night by the aid of her own electric searchlights. A pleasant time was spent at Port Tewfick (the coaling station at Suez), rendered specially so through the hospitality of the officers of the Gannet, who gave a most enjoyable "At Home" on board their ship, and inaugurated a sailing regatta, at which the Crescent's jollyboat took the place of honour, being smartly handled by Sub-Lieutenant English, one of the officers on passage to the Lizard. Aden was reached on the 30th, and here a sad occurrence took place, two of the marines being struck down within a few hours of one another with heat apoplexy. The vessel left the same evening for Colombo, and shortly after fell in with an Arab dhow at sea short of provisions and water, which she supplied.

The Crescent arrived at Colombo on the 8th, and after coaling was to have proceeded to Sydney, where she was due on the 29th October; but when on the point of departure telegraphic orders were received from the Admiralty to go on to Singapore, and further directions awaited her there to reinforce the China Squadron under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle, K.C.B. Another death took place here (a carpenter's mate), being the fourth since the ship commissioned. The sudden change in the programme was not very keenly relished by the ships' companies who had been looking forward to joining their ships and settling down. The ship was hurried north, and after a short stay at Hongkong to coal and complete with provisions and stores she proceeded to join the Admiral at Chefoo.

The arrival of such a fine addition to the fighting strength of the station was a source of gratification to the Commander-in-Chief, and the ship was scarcely out of his sight during the time she was attached to the China command. Almost the first act of the Admiral, after shifting his flag to the Alacrity, despatch vessel, was to select the Crescent to escort him on a reconnoitring tour, proceeding first to Port Arthur, one of the principal Chinese naval arsenals. The sudden arrival of an unknown man-of-war in the uncertain light which precedes the dawn brought a flotilla of torpedo boats about the ship, while the grey hulls of two Chinese ironclads could be detected wending their way out of harbour. Soon after one of the forts signalled, "You are standing into danger," the whole place being laid with submarine mines, so the British ships betook themselves to more hospitable waters. The Japanese fleet were fallen in with the same afternoon anchored behind the Elliot Group,—some 13 or 14 battle ships, and several transports and colliers. The Admiral had hoisted his flag on the Hasidate during the absence of the Matsushima, the vessel which received so much damage and lost so many men at the battle of the Yaloo River.

JAPANESE SHIPS CLEARED FOR ACTION.

The Japanese ships were all cleared ready for action, with steam up, and looked very serviceable in their sombre grey warpaint, which on the occasion of the Crescent's visit was relieved by the flaming red ensigns of Japan, hoisted in honour of the Emperor's birthday. It was noticeable that very few of the ships carried boats, the fact being that they were riddled by the quick-firing and machine guns in a recent battle, after saluting and the usual exchange of courtesies the Admiral went on to Chemulpo. The mats of the ill-fated Kow Shing were seen standing out of the water a little to the north-ward of the port, the only vestige that now remains to mark the spot where she made the final plunge.

A stay of five days was made at Chemulpo, and on the 10th November the Admiral put to sea again, meeting the Leander at the entrance to the roadstead, who brought the intelligence that the Japanese had landed at Ta-lien-whan-bay. This news decided him to send the Crescent at once to Port Arthur, which would in all likelihood be the next point of attack.

THE VISIT TO PORT ARTHUR.

She arrived off the port next morning, but everything seemed quiet, and the Chinese did not appear apprehensive of any immediate attack. Commander Carter, Gunnery-Lieutenant Murray-Aynsley, and Major Milne, R.M.L.I., were sent in to try and gather information. From the local mandarin they learnt that there were 20,000 troops present, though it has since been considered doubtful if there were a quarter of that number. There appeared to be a considerable contingent of cavalry, judging from the number of shaggy little Tartar ponies billetted in dockyard, the storehouses, of which had been converted into barracks for the troops. The Chinese officers seemed quite sanguine of being able to hold the place, the approaches to which were guarded by strong earthworks mounted with breach-loading ordnance. It was found that the fleet had cleared out, and this they appear to have done on the responsibility of the Chinese naval officers, as the soldiers were—to use the mandarin's expression—"like rats in a trap, with no means of escape," and it was confidently anticipated that they would make a good stand (seeing that a handful of resolute men should have been able to hold the arsenal against overwhelming odds). So the news came as a surprise when 10 days later the Purpoise brought the intelligence that the place had fallen without the Japanese fleet firing a single shot.

Throughout the war the Chinese seem to have been completely demoralised. They have undoubtedly been badly armed, ill fed, and proportionally worse handled, whereas the organisation and equipment of the Japanese have been perfect, and they have invariably shown the greatest *esprit de corps*, a quality in which John Chinaman is woefully deficient. With the Chen Yuen (their best fighting ship) almost hopelessly damaged by running on a rock while going into Wei-hai-wei, the Chinese fleet may be said to be *non est*, and if the winter does not *set in* too early, it is not improbable the Japanese may make a forward movement on the capital.

The arrival of the Edgar on the 21st November released the Crescent from her duties in Chinese waters, and on the 23rd she parted from the fleet off the Shantung Promontory, and proceeded to Hongkong, calling at Nagasaki en route. After a short stay, to enable the ship to be coaled and *provisioned*, she quitted the station for Sydney, touching at Manila, Amboina Bay, and Thursday Island for supplies. Very thick, dirty weather was experienced coming down the Queensland coast, with heavy rainfall. The ship arrived at Sydney at 9.30 a.m. on the 29th.

Very few of the officers have visited Australia before. Commander Carter served on the station in the Calliope, Fleet-Surgeon Irvine in the Nelson and Espiegle, and Warrant-officers Flux and Titheridge in the Wolverene.

The Crescent comes back in quite a new garb. The enormous yellow-washed funnels which were such a noticeable feature on her last visit have been painted a sombre grey colour, which at least has the advantage of rendering them less conspicuous. Boats, gun-shields, chart-houses, and all objects above the upper deck have been coated with this modest and unobtrusive hue. Toile-Mouillée, as it is called from its resemblance to wet canvas, is adopted in the French navy, and possesses the advantage of rendering an object almost invisible at a distance, so that for war purposes it is invaluable, but being accustomed to the regulation black and white of a man-of-war, it is questionable whether it would become popular among British naval men.

LIST OF PASSENGERS BY H.M.S. CRESCENT.

For the Orlando:—Commander, Arthur W. Carter; lieutenants, Edmund P. E. Jervoise, John F. Murray Aynsley, Montagu Hulton, Archd. Deas, R.N.R.; fleet-paymaster, Arthur S. D. Clarke; fleet-surgeon, Gerard Irvine; sub-lieutenant, Robert C. K. Lambert; assistant-paymaster, Leonard Harris; engineer, Albert E. Cox; assistant-engineer, J. J. Hare; gunners, Benjamin Titheridge, George J. Flux; boatswains, John V. Vinicombe, Samuel Kevern; assistant-clerk, Arthur Bumbury, John H. Roffey.

For the Lizard:—Sub-lieutenants, William H. W. Boyle, Oswald English; assistant-paymaster in charge, Henry P. White; gunner, Edward C. Lee.

For the Rapid:—Lieutenant, Fras. A. H. Andrews; boatswains, Harry Old, Jas. Sullivan.

For the Mildura:—Staff surgeon, Alfred H. Miller; Lieutenant R.M.L.I., Jno. F. V. S. Whitmarsh.

Lent to the Crescent.—Chaplain, the Rev. Saml. A. Shone, LL.D., B.A.

Major Benj. A. Milne, R.M.A., who was in command of the Marine Detachment for the Orlando, left the Crescent at Chefoo, being ordered to Tientsin in command of a guard of marines for the protection of European lives and property in the settlement.

Captain F. W. Fisher is in command of the Crescent, but on arrival of the new Commander-in-Chief he will take over the duties of Flag Captain; while Captain Arbuthnot, of the Orlando, will take the Crescent home. This morning the transfer of men will take place, but the Crescent will probably be from two to three weeks here. She may dock before leaving for home, but no decision on that point had been come to up to last night.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT BY A NAVAL OFFICER.

Another naval officer had a chat with a *Herald* reporter on Saturday aboard the Crescent, and in the course of the conversation said:—

Of course I cannot tell you all the reasons that prompted the Admiralty to order the Crescent to Corea; but it was generally understood that her duty was to look after the interests of British residents in China. You see, the Japanese commander had landed troops near Port Arthur, and had expressed his intention of marching on Pekin, where there are a great many British residents. The Chinese troops, under the command of General von Hannekin, a skilled German officer, ought, no doubt, to have been equal to preventing anything of the kind; but the Japanese had proved themselves so superior at every point that it was considered advisable to be prepared for any emergency. Accordingly, we landed 500 marines, under the command of Major Milne, and marched them to Pekin, where they still are.

And is that force sufficient? Oh, yes; 500 British sailors go a long way, and besides, reinforcements are at hand from the squadron.

Did you see any of the Chinese and Japanese sailors, and form any opinion of their relative fighting merits? Yes, and they do not bear much comparison. It is a contest between barbarians and civilised and trained men. The Chinese are quite undisciplined, savage and cowardly in the bargain, whilst the Japanese are thoroughly under control, and, as events have once more shown, since the Crescent left Corea, full of the best kind of fighting qualities. In the Chinese ranks the most chaotic notions of duty prevail; the elementary principle of war, obedience to superior orders, is almost unknown. The Japanese, on the other hand, are almost equal to European sailors in this respect. Their officers have all been trained and educated in England, and are intelligent, round the colonies. The flagship should have spacious quarters for the head of the service out here, and suitable accommodation for the officers and men sufficient to man and work a flagship.

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The matter is one of considerable moment to the whole of the colonies, and, as the Governments of the colonies have shown themselves to be fully alive to the great importance of the maintenance of an efficient naval service in these seas by their joint action in re the Australian Squadron, it is to be hoped that just now they may be moved to prompt and united action in asking for what I consider, and actually make his escape before the fighting commenced, but was pursued and captured. He was given the option of going back to Port Arthur or having his head cut off without more ado. This decision exactly paraphrased the quotation. He believed that it was better to fly to the ills that he knew not than face those that were imminent, and so returned to "defend" Port Arthur.

And in Russia, or Russia and France combined, preparing for anything very unusual in Chinese waters:—Well, they are increasing their naval strength. Of course, one does not require to be an extremely gifted statesman to realise that it is highly important to Russia to see that no radical alteration of the map in this quarter of the world takes place, or if it does, to see that it shall not take place without her full knowledge and participation. China is the same sort of "buffer" State for Russia as Afghanistan is for England and India.

It would not, it may be presumed, suit Russia's policy to have any other nation but the Chinese obtain a footing on Chinese territory; and, of course, this would actually be the case if Japan obtained Corea. If any other nation—say a European Power—got Corea it would be equally distasteful, one may imagine, to Russia, for, whoever had it, it would form a base of operations—coaling station, arsenal, and depot—that might be very useful in time of war. And for precisely the same reasons, I suppose, other Powers may be inclined to watch Russia's movements with a jealous eye. Beyond the advantages of having a base in the Pacific, which, however, would be considerable enough in time of war, I fail to see how Russia would gain by the accession of Corea. No. I don't think it would help her much in an attack on Australia, supposing such a thing were ever contemplated. Certainly, it would bring her within easier reach; but then the English squadron in the Pacific would always be as near, and it may be permitted to hope that Russia could never spare more ships at one time than England. As for what has been called French "activity," I don't know that this is unusual. No doubt France reinforces her fleet for the same reason as England does—to look after the safety of her subjects in those parts.

We heard a good many undoubtedly true stories of Chinese barbarity—the disembowelling and crucifixion of prisoners, and the mutilation of the dead.

Yes; this is the first time I have been in Sydney, and although I have not examined the fortifications, it strikes me as being a place that could, without much difficulty, be made impregnable. Its numerous bays and promontories lend themselves splendidly to the defence of the harbour, and with the system of mines any enemy would find it difficult to get a footing.

And a word or two about the British Navy now? Well, I don't know that I ought to say too much on that subject. Yes, I see that some critics have lately been proving to their own satisfaction that England's fleet is inadequate. I don't think it is the want of vessels so much as the want of men. You see, the able-bodied seaman has to be a very different kind of man, or at least has to perform a totally different sort of duties, to his ancestors who fought with Nelson. A warship now-a-days is no more nor less than a floating box of all kinds of complicated machinery, and the sort of man that is wanted is one who is a thorough mechanic as well as a handy sailorman. These demands really form a difficulty, though it is not so great as it was five years ago, when the authorities varied the conditions of recruiting. Still, England will always get the right sort of men for her sailors. As a Japanese officer remarked to me at Port Arthur the other day, "These men, who are easily amenable to discipline in times of peace, make the best soldiers and sailors in war."

There is just one thing I forgot to mention before. The engagements between the Chinese and Japanese warships gave us, what was half expected might have been the case, no one to what will happen with torpedoes in a sea-fight. The Japanese did not use them; I think they were afraid to, not knowing fully how to handle them.

And what will happen when torpedoes are used in an engagement between the ships of great Powers? I should be only too happy to tell you, because then I should be able to tell you more than anyone else can. You may depend upon it, something very sudden and particularly unpleasant will "happen" to a good many people. And now I don't think I have anything more to tell you. Besides I hear the band striking up to play the Curaçoa out. And the officer walked forward to where the full-massed band of the Crescent was playing "Auld Lang Syne." Then the music stopped and a rousing cheer was sent up by the Crescent's people and caught and re-echoed from the Orlando and the gunboats, sounding like the roll of musketry, as the Curaçoa came down on her counter. She was taking some hundreds of time-expired men home, and as she passed gave a good illustration of the officer's comparison between the old style and modern warship. The Curaçoa, with her three square-rigged masts and shapely hull is long out of date as a fighting vessel. As she came round on her stern almost abeam of the Orlando the contrast was still more marked, for with her yards crowded with men, with every yard of bunting flying from her masts, she looked more like one of those pictures of a stately three-decker of a past day than an item in a modern fleet.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The fact of the magnificent cruiser Crescent being in Sydney harbour once more, after her famous record-breaking trip out and home, made in the middle of this year, gives rise to the question, cannot this ship be secured for the Australian station in the place of the present flagship Orlando?

May I express the belief, Sir, that this could be effected, and effected now, so that the Orlando would take her own officers and crew home, and leave the Crescent here with the new people she has just brought out? But why, and how?

Why? Because the Crescent is a much finer ship than the Orlando—about 2000 tons larger. 2. Being better armed, and having most modern equipments, is much more effective as a battle machine. 3. Faster, her indicated horse-power being nearly double that of the Orlando. 4. The Crescent carries more men. This is an important item, for of that fact, at any time, and especially just now that we have lost the splendid ship Curacoa, a ship of 2380 tons, which is to be replaced by the third-class cruiser Pelades, of 1420, carrying about 100 less men than the Curacoa. The coal-carrying capacity of the Crescent is in advance of that of the Orlando, she being able to carry about 1800 tons (with upper deck cargo). 6. The Orlando, though undoubtedly a first-class ship, is about seven years older than the Crescent, and not having been to England since she left it for the rapid march of naval architecture and armament. 7. The Crescent is among the newest of warships, perfectly "up to date" and abreast of the times. 8. Recent developments in the East, and Japan now in the ascendant, make it absolutely requisite for obvious reasons that the British fleet on this station should be of the highest order and most modern type. 9. As regards accommodation for officers, the Crescent is far ahead of the Orlando. The accommodation of the Orlando for both officers and men is most scanty. The flag-captain and the commander have cabins in which the proverbial cat could not be swung, not as large as the lieutenant commanders have in the Lizard and Goldfinch, or even the surveying boat Dart. As the Admiral's accommodation is inferior to those of the captain of the third-class cruiser Rapid. This is not as it should be in view of the fact that the flagship is the floating home of the Admiral, commander-in-chief of the station, where he has to do a vast amount of entertaining both afloat and round the colonies. The flagship should have spacious quarters for the head of the service out here, and suitable accommodation for the officers and men sufficient to man and work a flagship.

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But how could it be done now at this late hour? I answer: All such things are possible to those in power, and if the Admiralty could be reached now, through the Colonial Office, or even the Governor (Lord Ranfurly if needful), the thing might be done, and done at once.

May I recommend that the press take up the matter now. 2. That a powerful deputation be got together to wait on the Hon. G. H. Reid and ask him to send the following cablegram at once in the matter of cabling home to the powers that be and making it an urgent matter, and no doubt the thing will be done.

The matter is one of considerable moment to the whole of the colonies, and, as the Governments of the colonies have shown themselves to be fully alive to the great importance of the maintenance of an efficient naval service in these seas by their joint action in re the Australian Squadron, it is to be hoped that just now they may be moved to prompt and united action in asking for what I consider, and actually make his escape before the fighting commenced, but was pursued and captured. He was given the option of going back to Port Arthur or having his head cut off without more ado. This decision exactly paraphrased the quotation. He believed that it was better to fly to the ills that he knew not than face those that were imminent, and so returned to "defend" Port Arthur.

And in Russia, or Russia and France combined, preparing for anything very unusual in Chinese waters:—Well, they are increasing their naval strength. Of course, one does not require to be an extremely gifted statesman to realise that it is highly important to Russia to see that no radical alteration of the map in this quarter of the world takes place, or if it does, to see that it shall not take place without her full knowledge and participation. China is the same sort of "buffer" State for Russia as Afghanistan is for England and India.

It would not, it may be presumed, suit Russia's policy to have any other nation but the Chinese obtain a footing on Chinese territory; and, of course, this would actually be the case if Japan obtained Corea. If any other nation—say a European Power—got Corea it would be equally distasteful, one may imagine, to Russia, for, whoever had it, it would form a base of operations—coaling station, arsenal, and depot—that might be very useful in time of war. And for precisely the same reasons, I suppose, other Powers may be inclined to watch Russia's movements with a jealous eye. Beyond the advantages of having a base in the Pacific, which, however, would be considerable enough in time of war, I fail to see how Russia would gain by the accession of Corea. No. I don't think it would help her much in an attack on Australia, supposing such a thing were ever contemplated. Certainly, it would bring her within easier reach; but then the English squadron in the Pacific would always be as near, and it may be permitted to hope that Russia could never spare more ships at one time than England. As for what has been called French "activity," I don't know that this is unusual. No doubt France reinforces her fleet for the same reason as England does—to look after the safety of her subjects in those parts.

We heard a good many undoubtedly true stories of Chinese barbarity—the disembowelling and crucifixion of prisoners, and the mutilation of the dead.

Yes; this is the first time I have been in Sydney, and although I have not examined the fortifications, it strikes me as being a place that could, without much difficulty, be made impregnable. Its numerous bays and promontories lend themselves splendidly to the defence of the harbour, and with the system of mines any enemy would find it difficult to get a footing.

And a word or two about the British Navy now? Well, I don't know that I ought to say too much on that subject. Yes, I see that some critics have lately been proving to their own satisfaction that England's fleet is inadequate. I don't think it is the want of vessels so much as the want of men. You see, the able-bodied seaman has to be a very different kind of man, or at least has to perform a totally different sort of duties, to his ancestors who fought with Nelson. A warship now-a-days

THE WEATHER.

THE RAINFALL RETURNS.—PROSPECT FOR THE HOLIDAY.

By Saturday morning it was seen from the country telegrams that the rain of Friday had extended over the Central and part of the Western division of the colony, as well as over the coastal area. Excepting in the very far West nearly every station reported welcome showers. By the afternoon it had cleared off pretty well, though it was still cloudy and like rain in many parts. The fall varied from 10 points up to an inch at Albury. Southerly winds have blown since Saturday, and last night along the coast the direction was from S.W. to S.E., light to fresh. The Government Astronomer last night thought that fine weather would prevail on to-morrow's holiday.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

DENILIQUIN, SATURDAY.

The total rainfall this year to date has been about 22in., the average per annum having been about 14in.

We are having beautifully cool weather just now; in fact, it is phenomenally cool for this time of the year. It is also fine. The thermometer registers about 80° daily.

GRETA, SATURDAY.

A severe hailstorm passed over Greta this afternoon, causing immense damage to the vineyards and growing crops. Heavy rain fell afterwards. It was much needed, the country being very dry and the crops suffering greatly.

JUNEE, SATURDAY.

It has been raining heavily throughout the district with but short intervals for the past 18 hours. This rain renders stripping impossible and is generally bad for the crops. It is now estimated that the wheat yield will not average over six bushels to the acre.

LITHGOW, SATURDAY.

Some excellent showers fell yesterday and will be of much benefit. Nearly an inch of rain fell during the week.

MURRUMBURRAH, SATURDAY.

A heavy thunderstorm passed over the town and district yesterday, and 163 points of rain fell. Some of the wheat crops have suffered, and stripping has been delayed for two or three days.

NARRANDERA, SATURDAY.

Half an inch of rain has been recorded here since Thursday. A larger rainfall is reported as having fallen in the surrounding districts. Beautiful weather prevails.

NEWCASTLE, SUNDAY.

It has been raining steadily since 10.30 o'clock to-night, and it is now nearly midnight.

ST. MARYS, SATURDAY.

Very heavy rain fell here yesterday, with much thunder and lightning. In all 130 points were registered. The weather is still very close.

TAMWORTH, SATURDAY.

Splendid rain-showers have fallen this afternoon and evening.

TUMUT, SATURDAY.

There has been more rain, the gauge this morning registering 56 points, added to yesterday's record of 131 points. To-day is fine and cool. Farmers are jubilant. Crops are looking magnificent, and there is a good spring in the grass and herbage.

OUTRAGE AT COOMBING PARK STATION.

THE CORONER'S INQUIRY.

VERDICT OF THE JURY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

CARCOAR, SUNDAY.

The inquiry into the circumstances of the late outrage at Coombing Park was resumed at the Courthouse, Carcoar, on Friday before Mr. J. L. Cobb, J.P., coroner. The following witnesses were sworn and examined:—

Henry Clark stated that he was employed as night watchman at Coombing Park. He was on duty last Sunday night till past 6. On Sunday morning about half-past 2 he was walking with Pulsford past the woolshed when he saw a flash of fire. Pulsford ran to the fire, and he (Clark) went to the groom's door, and told the groom to go to the house and wake Chief-constable Brayne. He went to call William Whitney. He then went to to the fire, and heard someone call out. Allen, a shearer, came, and both of them ran when they heard a man calling. He found Pulsford lying on the ground. They picked him up and carried him to Mr. Ousby's room.

George Brayne, senior constable of police at Carcoar, stated that he was aroused by someone calling, "Sergeant Brayne, the haystack is on fire." He dressed quickly and ran to the fire near the stable. Hearing someone call out "Come here," he made out in the direction of the call. The hayshed roof had fallen in. Proceeding to where the call came from he saw an object on the ground over a hundred yards away. He saw two men going from the hayshed towards the object. Witness on reaching the object saw that it was the night-watchman Pulsford. He asked the two men what was the matter. Pulsford replied, "Two men have set fire to the shed, and shot me." Witness asked him where, and Pulsford showed him some blood on his trousers. Asked which way the men went he said they ran across the paddock. Witness went about the paddock for three-quarters of an hour, but could not see or hear anything but sheep bleating. He went again to the fire and with others to the place where Pulsford fell, and found his revolver, one cartridge of which had been discharged. He then went to the rouseabouts and shearers' huts. The men were asleep. At daylight he sent for Constable Greneger, of Mandurama, and to Carcoar for a black tracker. Greneger and witness tracked about till 10, and then left to make inquiries elsewhere. They took three men with Constable M'Keigh to the hospital to see if Pulsford could identify them. He could not. Witness made all possible search and inquiry, but so far without effect. The hayshed roof was shingled.

Arthur William Whitney stated that he was manager of Coombing Estate. On Sunday morning last one of his sisters called him and said, "The shed is on fire." He went on the verandah and saw the glare of fire. He could hear someone calling out, but could not make out what they said. There were about 40 tons of hay in the shed. The watchmen were armed. He told them not to fire to shoot any one unless they considered their lives were in danger. He had heard of threats made at the shed to the effect that the whole place would be burnt down. He believed the shed was not insured. The shearers' huts were attacked by a lot of men on the 8th November last. He heard no shots fired on Sunday morning, but shots might have been fired without his hearing them.

Oscar Allen, a shearer, and Constable Greneger, gave corroborative evidence.

Herbert Stanley Pulsford recalled, at the Carcoar Hospital, stated that the coat produced was the same as the coat he had on when he was shot. It was in the same condition as when he fell. He carried a revolver in his right-hand breast pocket. There was no pouch on the bottom of the pocket. There was no pouch on the revolver. He sent the coat to Vandyke, tailor. Cannot say whether the hole was in the coat when he wore it last. He had no knowledge as to how the hole was caused. He fired his revolver once. He took it out of his pocket when he started running. He heard the shot fired at him, but no other except the one fired by him. The night was very windy, and it was difficult to hear any distance. After being shot he dropped the revolver, but could not say how, being confused after the shot. He had heard of threats having been made about Coombing woolshed being burnt down. The threat was made by a man in the presence of witness. It was that he would like to see Coombing Park, sheds, and house and everyone in it, burnt to the ground. Witness had no doubt that the two men who ran away, and one of whom shot the witness, were the men who set fire to the haystack.

A. W. Hawthorne, M.D., stated that he knew Bertie Pulsford. Pulsford was suffering from a bullet wound in the left thigh. On looking at the coat produced he noticed a hole on the right-hand side below the breast pocket. From witness's experience a revolver going off in the breast pocket would produce a different appearance from the hole in the coat. He assumed that the revolver could not go off and cause the hole in the lower part of the coat unobserved. He considered it highly improbable that such an accident as met with by Pulsford could have been caused by the revolver going off in his pocket.

The Court at 6 p.m. adjourned till 10 a.m. on Saturday. On the resumption of the proceedings further evidence was adduced.

The Coroner summed up and addressed the jury. The jury retired at half-past 5, and returned into court at half-past 7, having agreed upon the following verdict:—"We find that the hayshed at Coombing Park was, on the morning of the 23rd December, destroyed by fire. We also believe that it was wilfully set on fire, but there is no evidence to show how, or by whom, the shed was fired. We will give our approbation for the manner in which Messrs. Pulsford and Clark, night watchmen, acted upon the occasion."

The Coroner complimented the jury upon the patient hearing which they had given the case.

Mr. Bassett, solicitor, announced that the owners of Coombing Park were prepared to add a considerable sum of money if a substantial Government reward be offered for information leading to the conviction of the perpetrators of the outrage.

EXPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE.

AN UNFAVOURABLE OUTLOOK.

The live cattle export trade, which has been hanging fire for some time owing to the want of cheap accommodation on board ship, shows little sign of a reviving tendency as yet. Shippers are on the lookout for vessels that

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Our annual Monetary and Commercial Retrospect for the year will be published on Friday.

The movement in banking and other business throughout the past week has been very light. The stock and share brokers have been inactive; the wool-selling brokers have issued no catalogues, and merchants generally have done very little. Bank rates remain as last quoted, exchange, deposits, and discounts being quoted as follow :—Deposits : For 12 months, 3 per cent. ; for six months, 2 per cent. Discount, 6 to 6½ per cent. for three months, and 7 per cent. for four months. Overdraft, 7 to 8 per cent. Exchange rates on London may be quoted :—

	Seller.	Buyer.
90 days' sight ...	5s p.c. premium ...	15s p.c. discount
60 days' sight ...	10s p. premium ...	5s to 2s 6d p.c. discount
30 days' sight ...	2½ p. premium ...	Par.
Demand ...	3os p. premium ...	Par.

The rates for colonial and intercolonial exchanges are as follows:—On New South Wales, 2s per cent. ; Broken Hill, ½ ; Wilcannia, ½ ; on Queensland, as far north as Rockhampton, ½ ; Townsville, ½ ; north of Townsville, 1 ; Victoria, ½ ; Tasmania and South Australia ½ ; Western Australia, 1 ; New Zealand, ½ per cent.

The Bank of England figures for the past week included the very considerable reduction of £808,000 in the supplies of gold and bullion in both departments. The reserve of gold and notes has declined no less than £1,168,000. But the public and other deposits having decreased almost proportionately, the percentage of reserves to liabilities only suffered to the extent of the difference between 63·68 per cent. and 63·60 per cent. These movements left the money market as it was, the bank rate being 2 per cent. and the open market rate for three months' bills being ½ per cent.

The year is closing with Goschen's consols at 103⅛, a point higher than they have yet reached, an advance of ½ having taken place in the past week. At the close of 1893 they were 98, so that they have risen 5½ points, being equal to a rise of 9·5 per cent., allowing for difference in currency—the smaller figure giving the investor a return of £2 12s 8d per cent. per annum, and the latter only £2 9s 1d per annum, including interest on quarterly payments in each case. As we have frequently pointed out, it will be seen that the value of money is short and for long dates does not rise and fall simultaneously. In August last the quotation of three months fine bills in London was ½ per cent. when consols were 102¾, giving the investor about £2 10s per cent. per annum. Now the rate for three months fine bills has risen to ⅞ per cent., but the price of money on consols has fallen to 2 9s 1d per cent. And consols have thus risen simultaneously with a fall of over seven millions in the Bank of England reserve. The figures indicate that if the capital available for business enterprise is not so great as it was three or four months back, it is at any rate more tightly held. And on the other hand it points to a fact that the supply of capital for investment in long dated securities is not so far exhausted that it will not be lent at even lower prices on the best classes of securities. At the same time it is significant that while Goschen's consols have risen in value, colonial stocks have generally given way, those of New South Wales as much as 2½ points. The past week's movements in colonial stocks have included a rise of ½ in New South Wales 4 per cents.

The following table shows the Bank of England figures, quotations of Consols and New South Wales 3½ per cents., and money market rates and prices of principal Australian commodities, in comparison with the figures for the years 1892 and 1893 :—

	Dec. 28, 1892.	Dec. 27, 1893.	Dec. 26, 1894.
	£	£	£
Coin and bullion ...	24,397,328	24,488,512	22,556,030
Circulation ...	25,467,275	25,451,275	25,689,060
Public deposits ...	4,047,210	4,805,678	4,398,000
Other deposits ...	26,267,282	29,284,817	32,829,000
Government securities ...	11,256,986	8,987,511	10,749,000
Other securities ...	28,727,212	27,396,201	28,884,000
Reserve of notes and coin ...	13,362,958	15,487,297	22,670,000
Percentage of reserve to liabilities ...	44·90	45·68	63·60
Bank rate of discount, p.c.	3	3	2
Consols' rate, p.c. ...	1⅞	2⅛	1⅛
Goschen's Consols ...	94	98	103⅛
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1924 ...	90½	94⅞	100
Silver, per oz. ...	32¾d	32¾d	27¼d
Wheat, Adelaide, ex wharf, per bush. ...	3s	2s 9	2s 8
Wool, N.S.W. average greasy, per lb. ...	7¾d	7¾d	6¾d
Tin, per ton. ...	£61	£72	£61
Copper, per ton. ...	£46	£49	£41
Australian mutton, per lb. ...	2¾d	3½	2¾
Australian mutton tallow, per cwt. ...	£0 9	£7	£5 6

Although the Bank of England stock of coin and bullion has fallen over a million and a half millions since September last, it is still over eight millions in excess of the amount held at the close of 1893. The great strength of the banking position is disclosed, moreover, by the fact that the proportion of reserve to liabilities is still 63·60 per cent.—which would have been regarded as an abnormal figure in any other year than the present. New South Wales 3½ per cents. have risen 4½ during the year. The week's movements of prices of Australian products have been favourable, but it will be seen that in all instances quotations are lower than they were at the close of 1893, and still lower than most cases than at the end of 1892. The percentages of the decline appear as follows :—

	Fall in 1894. Per cent.	Fall since 1892. Per cent.
Silver ...	16·7	27·9
Wheat ...	10·0	11·1
Wool ...	14·0	22·2
Tin ...	15·0	30·9
Copper ...	15·0	10·9
Australian Mutton ...	4·3	4·5
Australian Mutton Tallow ...	22·2	17·1

The average shrinkage of the whole of these products, which include considerably over four-fifths of the export wealth of the colonies, exceeds 11 per cent. for the year.

Mr. Robert Davidson writes to the *British Australasian* to say that the line of R. and W. Davidson intend providing at Glasgow accommodation for 100,000 carcases of sheep and 20,000 carcases of beef or equivalent goods, and the plans provide for a very considerable number of chambers, so that all kinds of goods may be stored at different temperatures.

From our cable message it appears that the North British-Australasian Company has had a rather better report than in the previous year, having reduced its debit balance from £1711 in 1893 to £55. For six years past the company has not been able to pay a dividend. Half the profits in 1890-91, £2216, was raised in payment of arrears of interest; the interest due in July, 1891, was declared in December, 1891; and £3848 of the profits of both 1892 and 1892-3 was placed to the credit of the guaranteed stockholders. It appears that the directors now propose to convert the accumulated interest on 6 per cent. guaranteed stock into stock when the finances permit of the resumption of the payment of interest. Late quotations show that the ordinary £100 stock of the company was quoted at £7 to £12, and the 6 per cent. guaranteed at £40 to £45.

IMPORT MARKET.

The week has been devoid of any feature of interest, and there was practically no movement in the prices of goods. The trade has been almost entirely confined to the supply of a few lines to make good the requirements of the year.

Our weekly summary of prices current as between distributing houses and their customers is subjoined :—

Brewers' Goods : Malt, English, 4s to 7s 6d; ditto, New Zealand and Victorian, 6s to 8s. Hops : Kent, Sussex, and Tasmania, 10d, 6½d, American, 10d. Brewers' crystals, 2s.

Candles : De Roubaix Jenar, 4½d; De Roubaix Oxford Stearine, 6d to 6½d; Stearic, 6d to 6½d; Sebiedam Apollo, 6½d to 6¾d; paraffin, 6d to 6½d; wax, 5d to 6½d.

Coffee, &c. : No. 1 Ceylon Plantation, 1s 2½; American, 1s 1½; Barry's chicory, 22d; colonial, 5½. Cocoa : Epps's, 1s 8½d to 2s 6d; Taylor's, 1s 3d to 2s 4d; Van Houten's, 11s; cocoatina, 12s 6d.

Confectioners' Materials : Timber, brown, 11s; Refin, 12s; white, 14s 6d to 15s; flooring, 11s 6d; crushed, 12s 6d to 13s. Caster, large barrels, 12s 6d to 13s; sacks, Welsh, £10 10s; casting powder, 6d to 6½d; dynamite, conversion rate basis, other makes, from 8½d.

Dried Fruits, &c. : Currants (new), 3½d to 3¾d; cleaned, 4½d to 6d; sultanas, 5½d to 8½d; muscatels, 14d; prunes, 5½d to 15d; figs, 4d to 5½d; soft-shell almonds, 8d; Barcelonas, 9½d; walnuts, 2½d; dried apples, 3d to 7½d, evaporated, 8d; candied peel, colonial, 6½d, English 7½d.

Drugs and Chemicals : Cream of tartar, jars 1s, kegs 1½d; tartaric acid, 1s 1½d; citric acid, 1s; caustic soda, 70 per cent., £12; carbonate of soda, 70 per cent., £6; soda crystals, 4s; soda ash, £7; bluestone, 23s; Epsom salts, 1½ 6½; saltpetre, 2½ 6d; alicante of soda, £7 5s to £8 10s; rosin, G grade, £7; whiting, 4s.

Fish : Salt salmon, 4½d; tinned salmon, 8s 6d to 8s; salt herrings, 25s; fresh herrings, 1s 4½d to 5s; kippered herrings, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; red herrings, Yarmouth, 27s to 30s.

Jute Goods : Woolpacks, 14 4½d to 16½; cornsacks, 4s 6d to 6s 6d; hessings, 3s 4½d.

Liquids : Bottled ale, best brands, perdozen quarts, 8s to 8s 6d; ditto, pints, 6s to 6s 6d; other brands, per dozen quarts, 6s 6d to 8s; pints, 4s 9d to 5s; bottled stout, per dozen quarts, 7s 6d to 9s 6d; pints, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; lager beer, per dozen quarts, 8s to 11s; pints 5s to 7s 9d; Hennessy's pale brandy, per case, one-star, 38s; three-star 46s; whisky, case, 6s to 28s; whisky, bulk, 5s 6d to 21s; geneva, 3s; Old Tom, 12s; rum, Lowndes', quarters 2s 9d; other brands, 2s 9d; colonial, 2s; wines, colonial, red, per dozen, 18s 6d to 30s; white, 14s 6d to 18s; bulk, per gallon, 4s 6d to 8s; wines, imported, per dozen, port 36s, sherry 42s to 84s, claret 17s to 28s.

Metals : Galvanised iron, per ton, £17 10s to £19; Jeneing, German, No. 8 £7 7s 6d, No. 10 £7 10s; sheet lead, builders' assets, £14 5s; tinplates, 13s to 15s; Muntz metal, 6½d to 7d; wire nails, average assortment, 15s; BBA shoes, 9s.

Oilmen's Stores : Mustard, quarters 4s 7½d, halves 8s, pounds 14s 6d to 16s, 7½, tins 6½d; pickles, best brands 12s, ordinary 6s 6d to 7s 6d; salad oil, English, pints 8s, half-pints 4s 9d; salad oil, French, pints 7s 3d to 9s, half-pints 4s; vinegar, cases, best brands 6s 9d to 7s 6d, ordinary 4s 6d to 5s 6d; starch, best makers, boxes 42s, package 3d, ordinary brands 33s, blue, 6½d; sauces, best makers, pints 21s, half-pints 11s 6d; sauces, ordinary, pints 6s, half-pints 3s 6d; English hams, 1s to 1s 3½; kernelled hams, 12s 6d; condensed milk, 6s 3d to 6s 6d; jams, imported 7s 6d to 8s 6d, colonial 3s 4½d to 4s; canned fruits, American 11s 6d, colonial 9s; bottled fruits, 11s.

Oils : Linseen, 150 test, 1s 2½ to 1s 6d; linseed, raw 2s 7d, boil 2s 9½; castor, bulk 2s 6d to 2s 8d, drums 2s 7d to 2s 9d; China, 2s 9d; colza, 3s 9d to 4s; turpentine, 2s 7½d.

Rice, &c. : No. 1 polished Japan, 10s 6d to 12s; lower grades, Rangoon, &c., 12s to 13s; sago and tapioca, 1; pepper, white 7½d to 8½d, black 4½d to 5½d; ginger, Cochin bleached, 9½d; nutmegs, 3s.

Salt : Liverpool, coarse 57s 6d to 70s, fine 82s 6d to 85s; Liverpool, coarse 57s 6d, fine 80s; rocksalt, white 40s, red 40s.

Sugar : Colonial Sugar-refining Company's IW, 22s; IC, 21s 3d; 3, 19½; best Queensland whites, 21s 6d; ordinary 3, golden syrup, 19s, tins, 5s 6d per dozen; treacle, 2 tins, 4s 9d per dozen.

The income revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £2345. The principal items were :—

Spirits, £99; wine, still, £33; tobacco and snuff, £290; tobacco, manufacturing purposes only, £147; cigars, £101; tea, unrefined, £157; opium, £47; rice, £13; dried fruits, £97. Specific duties : Bacon and hams, &c., £17; cocoa, £39; confectionery, £16; hay and chaff, £10; silk grenaine, £35; onions, £22; timber, undressed, £194. Ad valorem : 10 per cent., £136; 15 per cent., £41. Pickles, leather, £51; cruize on tobacco, £220; excise on cigars and cigarettes, £10. Total, £2545.

EXPORT MARKET.

Niles Brothers, Limited, report as follows on the British meat market on the 23rd November :—

The fish trade at the metropolitan markets remains much as it has been for weeks past, really prime cattle being a short supply with fairly active demand at unchanged prices. Second-class cattle have been in excess of requirements and have met a dragging trade at reduced rates, inferior cattle, bulls, and plain west country cows still being bought freely for exportation to Belgium. With a considerable number of the sheep trade was fairly steady, the choice quality selling for rather more money, 9½d per lb. being quotation. About 1000 American lambs were sold, pinched in dress from 35 to 40 lb., at 9½. These will probably be wintered. Trade at the Central Meat Market has been irregular. The continued wet weather and consequent stoppage of railway communications have interfered with the home supplies. Prime American beef has been scarce, as have English and Scotch, the supplies of all sorts tending to plain and half-finished meats, which have met a slow trade at poor prices. Foot-and-mouth disease seeming to be stamped out in Essex, the restrictions on the movement of cattle in that district have been withdrawn. On Monday an outbreak was reported at Lisbon, Lincolnshire, in a flock of 200 sheep, all of which, another flock of sheep was found affected at Sittingbourne, Kent. A case of pleuro-pneumonia has been reported in a cargo of American cattle at Liverpool, and another at Newcastle. In both the disease was present in an undoubted active state. A Royal Commission has been appointed to inquire what is the effect on human health of food derived from tuberculous animals.

Australian mutton : The arrivals have been—Arcadia with 494 carcases, Port Chalmers with 29,033, and Thermopylæ with 9630. The Celtic King is proceeding very slowly and will barely finish her discharge this week; the Port Chalmers is making good way; the Arcadia has finished. Condition of storage is as acute as ever; all stores are full, and few vessels are now in use as store ships. The continuous shipments of such large amounts of mixed meat has been a disastrous effect on the trade. Persistent efforts to sell even at recent ruinous prices have not stimulated trade to any appreciable extent, the weekly deliveries remaining much as they were when mutton was selling at 50 per cent. more money. Saturday's market for ordinary Australians was 3d per lb.; either an attempt has been made to raise the price to 3½d per lb., both for Australian and Plates; a few week holders are likely to frustrate this desirable object by accepting 3d and 3¼ per lb., no money to make sales. Australian beef : The bulk of Argyll has finished. The Perthshire gets on slowly as room is made for part of her cargo in the stores; the balance is being transferred to the Elderslie, again being used as store ship. Prices remain fairly steady at 2½ per lb. for forequarters and 3½ per lb. for hindquarters, though sales are made by some consignees at 2d per lb. inclusive money. Trade in Germany does not advance rapidly; small consignments go forward weekly, but proposed regulations just received portend that the Government does not mean to foster the trade. For some time a certificate of soundness has been insisted on, but this has been added to, and now the regulations run—(1) That the meat has been examined and found fit for human food before and after the cattle have been killed, (2) that it was in equally sound condition at the time of shipment, (3) the date at which the cattle were killed, and (4) the colour of cattle. The absurdity of the last condition speaks for itself. The signature of the examining veterinary surgeon, if possible the Government Inspector of Meat, and a "H.C.V.S. of England, must be certified by the German Consul in Australia. With these conditions carried out, it is thought, the consignee might be allowed to enter foreign at great advantage, for if Berlin is closed other German cities would probably follow suit.

Concerning the London market for rabbit skins, Messrs. Flack, Chandler, and Co. write on 16th November :—

For auction there was a normal supply, 911 bales New Zealand and 1705 bales Australian were actually offered, and 1708 bales cleared under the hammer. There was a very fair attendance of buyers. Best skins continue in limited request, but all medium and inferior selections have attracted most attention at recent sales, were readily taken both for the Continent and American account, the latter buying with considerable freedom. Australian and Tasmanian constituted a large proportion of the supply, and sold well at fully old per lb. advance, the lowest grades again commanding good attention, and sold to best advantage. We quote Australian, Prime wintered, average 12lb. per dozen, 1s 9½d per lb.; from ordinary to good, average 12lb. per dozen, old to 1s 9d per lb.; common and shaky, average 10lb. per dozen, 1s 6d to 1s 8½d per lb. Next sales are fixed for the 15th January.

Of the sale of raw hides in London on 22nd November Messrs. Anning and Cobb report :—

Business was very quiet at the sales to-day. Saltet Australian were in small supply, but met with a steady inquiry. Heavy descriptions were occasionally 1d per lb. cheaper, but light are realised fully late quotations. The transactions are as follow :—750 Australian buffalo hides offered, 95 sold; 1 heavy 46 to 50lb., at 7½; 3 heavy 50 to 55lb., at 7½d; 5001 salted Australian hides offered, 4092 sold; 1 heavy, heavy, 42 to 45lb., first lot 7¼, first now 7¾, seconds 7¼d to 7½d; 1 heavy 46 to 50lb., first heavy 7¾d to 7¾d, first now 7¾d to 7¾d, first now 7¾d to 7¾d, seconds 7¼d to 7¾d per lb.; 601 dry Australian hides offered, 270 sold; first heavy 7¾d, first light 8d, second to 7¾d, third to 7¾d per lb.; 3470 salted Australian and New Zealand sheep pelts offered, 2004 sold; New Zealand crossbred 5d to 10s, merino 5s to 14s; 60 bales of dry sheep pelts offered, 30 sold; Australian horse hides offered; all sold at 5s per hide. 275 packages Australian &c., glue pieces offered, 166 sold; sheep fleshings 5s 6d to 9s 6d, sheep pelts 5s 6d, hair fleshings 9s to 9s, best shavings 9s 6d to 10s 3d per cwt.; hair mixed 1d to 1½d per lb. 873 kangaroo skins offered, none sold.

At Darling Harbour to-day 761 bales of wool were manifested, 71 arrived coastwise, and 66 were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

[By Cable.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Bar silver is quoted at 2s 3¼d per ounce standard.

Broken Hill Proprietary shares are quoted at £1 14s 6d.

DEC. 29.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3 3-16d per ounce, being a decline of 1-16d.

DEC. 30.

Broken Hill Proprietary shares are quoted at £1 16s 3d.

THE WHEAT MARKETS.

The wheat markets are quiet, and prices are steady.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

In the Queen Victoria market yesterday morning there was a glut of fruit, consequently low prices ruled. Green almonds sold at 1s 6d to 2s per half-case ; apples, 1s 6d to 2s 6d per case ; apricots, 1d to 3d per lb. ; cherries, 1d to 4d per lb. ; currants, black, 3½d to 4d per lb.; currants, red, 2½d to 3d per lb.; currants, white, 3½d per lb.; figs, 6d to 1s per dozen ; green gooseberries, 1½d to 2d per quart ; ripe gooseberries, 1½d to 2½d per lb. ; oranges, none ; Lisbon lemons, 9d to 1s per dozen ; loquats, 1d to 2d per lb. ; melons, water, 1s each (Queensland) ; mulberries, 2d to 3d per lb. ; peaches, 1½d to 3d per lb. ; pears, 2s to 3s per case ; plums, 2s to 3s per case ; raspberries, 2d to 3d per lb. ; strawberries, 3d to 6d per lb.

Business in the produce market yesterday was extremely quiet, the holiday tone still prevailing. Old wheat firm at 2s 3d. There are sellers of new wheat at 2s 1½d, and at this price close upon 2000 bags have been taken, mostly for forward delivery. There is a strong local demand for old flour. Town millers quote £5 10s. A considerable parcel of stone-dressed flour was placed at £4 15s. Feeding grains quiet. Cornsacks quoted at 4s 4½d, but the local demand is light. There is fair inquiry for export.

PRODUCE INWARD.

BRISBANE, SATURDAY.

The exports per Cintra, for Sydney, were 1536 bags sugar, 1 box gold, 85 cases pines, 65 cases tomatoes, 60 cases fruit, a large quantity of melons, 15 cases preserved turtle, and 30 bags oysters

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.—SATURDAY.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Business in the produce trade, as usual on Saturday, was quiet. The only alteration in values was in the price of Early Rose potatoes, which were 5s per ton easier.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

The current quotations are :—

Maize.—Dull demand. Best, 1s 10d ; medium, 1s 9d ; and weevily, from 1s 7d ; inland dull, up to 1s 11d per bushel.

Oats.—Dull. Best feed, 2s ; fair feed, 1s 11d ; local oats, 1s 8d per bushel.

Barley.—Nominal.

Peas.—Grey 3s 4d, and blue 3s 9d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—2s 8d to 2s 4d ; new wheat, 2s 5d.

BREADSTUFFS.

Business dull at late rates, viz. :—New South Wales roller, £6 10s to £7 per ton. Best milling wheat (old) at 2s 9d per bushel ; new wheat, 2s 5d per bushel.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Both these lines were quiet. Bran was quoted at 8d to 8½d and pollard at 8d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

The current quotations are :—

Chaff.—Dull demand. Victorian, best, £3 5s ; medium, from £3 ; inferior, £2 10s. Local : Prime, £3 5s to £3 15s 6d ; medium, from £2 15s ; inferior and heated, from £1 10s 9d per ton.

Hay.—Prime scarce. Local oaten in bundles, prime new, £3 10s ; medium, £3 ; inferior, £2 5s 6d per ton.

Lucerne.—Dull demand. Hunter River : Special lots, £2 10s ; prime, £3 5s ; medium, from £3 ; inferior, from £1 10s. Railway : Extra prime, £2 15s ; prime, £2 10s ; medium, from £2 ; inferior, from £1 15s per ton.

Straw.—Scarce. Good demand. Local derrick-pressed, £2 1s 8d ; bundled, £2 per ton.

Millet.—2s to 2s 3d per lb., according to quality.

POTATO MARKET.

Quotations : Good demand. New Clarence River potatoes, prime, up to £3 10s ; Hunter River Brownills, £2 10s ; Early Rose, £2 5s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Dull. Prime, up to £5 5s per ton.

Rosewax.—Dark, 8d ; good bright, 10d to 10½d ; choice, to 11d per lb.

Honey.—2½d to 3d.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 6d ; bulk, 3½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

To-day's closing quotations were :—

Butter.—Firm ; good demand ; scarce. Creamery, 8d to 8½d ; factory, 7d to 8d ; dairy, 6d to 6½d ; pastry, 4d to 5d ; Mudgee and South Coast butter—creamery 8½d, factory 7½d to 8d ; Riverina creamery, 8½d ; factory, 8d per lb.

Eggs.—Firm. Good demand ; 8d to 9½d ; choice brands, 10d per dozen.

Bacon and Hams.—Good demand. Prime, 4½d to 8d ; medium, 4d ; farmers' lots, 3d to 4d ; colonial hams, out of cloth 7d to 8d, special cured 8d to 11d per lb. English hams, 11½d to 1s 1½d per lb.

Cheese.—Fairly plentiful ; slow demand ; second grade from 4d ; choice up to 5d per lb.

Poultry.—Good demand. Fowls, 2s 6d to 3s 6d ; ducks, 3s 6d to 4s 6d ; geese, 5s to 6s 6d ; turkeys, cocks 10s, hens 4s to 5s per pair.

WOOL SALES.

At the Darling Harbour wool sales to-day business was dull. At auction this morning 7 trucks were submitted. Closing quotations were :—Footwool, inferior, 5s 6d to 7s, good 7s 6d to 9s 6d ; bundled, 6s to 8s 6d ; bakers', large, 6s to 8s 6d ; split, 5s 6d to 7s 6d ; billet, 5s 6d to 8s ; bark, 4s 6d to 5s per ton.

FRUIT MARKETS.

At the Bathurst-street Fruit Markets, as usual on Saturday, business was quiet and values remain as last reported.

The importations of produce for week ending 29th December, 1894, were :—

	—	New Zealand.	Queensland.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Tasmania.	Total.
Flour	bgs.	...	...	849	...	...	849
Ditto	bgs.	...	...	500	...	...	500
Wheat	bgs.	...	...	5,821	...	...	5,821
Bran	bgs.	...	...	...	895	...	895
Chaff	bgs.	...	...	920	...	...	920
Maize	bgs.	4,712	...	...	...	...	4,712
Oats	bgs.	...	...	11	300	...	311
Peas	bgs.	...	...	16	...	178	194
Onions	bgs.	...	...	700	...	...	700
Potatoes	bgs.	1,313	...	...	...	...	1,313
Bacon	bgs.	30	...	...	...	...	30
Butter	kgs.	923	...	...	...	...	923
Ditto	case	131	...	...	...	...	131
Eggs	doz.	1,200	...	78	...	...	1,278
Cheese	No.	1,561	...	...	...	...	1,561
Poultry	cps.	174	...	...	...	...	174
Hides	No.	403	...	...	...	...	403
Fruit	case	62	606	264	...	509	1,395
Sugar	bgs.	3,420	198	...	...	...	3,558
Pineapples	case	...	34	...	...	...	34
Cases	pkg.	6	...	...	...	...	6
Pigs	No.	174	...	...	46	...	220

Included in the above is 500 tons of flour and 78 cases of eggs from Adelaide.

The exports for the same period were :—

	Queensland.	Victoria.	Tasmania.	Total.
Flour, bags	1,257	...	...	1,257
Wheat, bags	50	50	...	100
Onions, bags	250	...	...	250
Fruit, cases	1,306	697	11	1,984
Sugar, bags	...	4,404	...	4,404

STATION PRODUCE.

	Imports.			Exports.		
	Q'land.	N.S.W.	Total.	Vict.	N.Z.	Total.
Tallow, casks.	566	16	582	...	...	...
Hides, bales	2,705	343	4,850	634	20	654
Ditto, bales	94	1	95	...	...	...
Horns, bags	178	...	178	...	...	...
Bones, bags	15	26	41	...	...	...
Skins, bales	102	14	116	...	...	...
Bark, bags	...	1,837	1,837	...	...	...
Hair, bags	...	1	2	...	...	...

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

DALWOOD AND CO.—At 68 Palmer-street, Woollloomooloo, at 10.30, Furniture, Piano, &c.

J. BROWN AND CO.—At 35 Glebe-road, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

M. SYMONDS AND CO.—At 77 Castlereagh-street, at 11, Furniture, &c.

H. HAINE.—At 286 Oxford-street, Paddington, at 11, Stock-in-trade of a Milliner and Dressmaker, Furniture, &c.

H. W. BROOKS AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Earthenware, China, &c.

J. P. LESTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Furniture, &c.

MORRIS AND CO.—At 175 Riley-street, at 11, Furniture, &c. ; at 71 Regent-street, at 2.30, Ice Chest, Safes, Furniture, &c.

D. A. MURRO.—At 75 Engine-street, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

FAT STOCK SALES.

The Homebush fat stock sales have been arranged in the following order :—

SHEEP.—Total, 30,180.

H. M. SUTTOR AND CO., 400.

W. H. DAVIS AND SONS, 2684.

J. LEARD AND CO., 4300.

HILL, CLARK, AND CO., 6968.

MAIDEN BROS., 616.

HENDERSON BROS. AND DEVLIN, 4506.

HENDERSON BROS., 1980.

J. C. YOUNG AND CO., 1778.

PITT, SON, AND BADGERY, 6986.

CATTLE.—Total, 1600.

PITT, SON, AND BADGERY, 736.

J. C. YOUNG AND CO., 29.

F. G. WEAVER, 99.

LEIGH AND HOLLEY, 136.

HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN, 32.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

G. KISS.—At his Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, &c.

W. INGLIS AND SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30 and 12, Horses, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

DENT AND PERRY.—At Redfern Station, at 9.15, Hay, Straw, Maize, &c.

COUNTRY-KILLED MEAT.

H. M'NAMARA.—At Hay-street, at 12, Beef, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DENT AND PERRY.—At Newtown Station, at 7, Wood, &c. ; at Redfern Station, at 9, Wood, &c.

G. KISS.—At his Bazaar, at 12, Reed, Hose, &c.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Stock Exchange having adjourned its sittings till after the New Year holiday, no business was done in the Mining market on Saturday.

The output of coal for the Lithgow Coal Association for the week ended 29th December was 2857 tons.

In connection with our recent account of the development of mining at Daviesville, Mr. P. Davies, general manager and director of the Mitchell's Creek Freehold Gold Estate, writes to the effect that the company has not hitherto paid fortnightly dividends, the management having all along determined to expend the earnings from the yield of the mine in the erection of machinery and extensive developments.

[By Telegraph.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

HILLGROVE, SATURDAY.

Baker's Creek Company's battery and machinery are undergoing the usual overhaul. The yield from the half-yearly clean up was 911oz. 15dwt. smelted gold from 294 tons of stone crushed, and from the plates. Now putting the machinery together again. The Eleanora Company's old battery has been hung up. The new battery worked four days this week, and will be hung up for overhaul to-night, and will clean up for the half-year. Both batteries will start work on Wednesday. The antimony furnaces and flues are undergoing repair, and will start running down oxide on Wednesday. The West Sunlight Reef battery worked three days this week, and will hang up to-night. The half-yearly clean-up will be made on Monday. Some very good stone is coming from the stopes at the back of No. 2 level. At the Sunlight Company's mine the usual work is going on. The battery cleaned up yesterday. For the fortnight crushed 516 tons of stone for 280oz. smelted gold. Owing to the holidays very little work is being done in the mines.

MUDGEE, SATURDAY.

Christmas crushings or washings have resulted in a very fair amount of gold being got. On the Moonlight lead, at Gulgong, Sloman's party washed 40 loads for 14oz. 17dwt. ; Riley and party washed 31 loads for 4oz. 12dwt. ; while Mills's party on Morrissey's Paddock got 60oz. out of their last washing. At Hill End several very fair crushings have taken place. Denman and Marshall put 93 tons from the Dirt Holes through the H.E. United battery, getting 56oz. 14dwt. From the Consolidated tunnel, Hawkins Hill, 3½ tons gave 31oz., treated at the same battery. Dr. Fisher's 10 tons, from the Golden Gully, only covered expenses. The Hill End United Company's own stone, from Carver's vein (without specimens), 12 tons gave 3oz. 8dwt. Sixty tons from the Scandinavian line gave 14dwt. 10½gr. per ton. At the Root Hog battery, over the river, Trevethick and party crushed 2½ tons for 30oz. Work in the Hill End United mine is being satisfactorily carried on. The yield from Carver's vein is considered very encouraging, as this stone was taken further north than where Carver got his rich stone, and about 120ft. deeper. Small parcels of alluvial are coming in from all the district round.

TUMUT, SATURDAY.

The Prospecting Association are starting a 1000ft. boring at Gilmore, on Mr. Wilson's property. The whole length of the creek is auriferous.

RETURNS.

Sunlight Gold-mining Company, fortnight ended December 27.—317 tons crushed ; yield, 284oz. ; average, 10dwt. 23grs. per ton.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Tilden's Proprietary Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Chatsbury, December 24.—Continued stoping at 500 Tuft. level. Raised about 50 tons of ore for week. Lode from 4ft. to 14ft. in width ; prospects about 7dwt. per ton.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

The following are the results of the first and third year examinations in the Faculty of Arts :—

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

Note.—Those marked † are unmatriculated ; those marked * are evening students.

The following have passed the examination :—

Margaret J. Armstrong
Pearl E. Barnes
Elsie P.A. Bloomfield
Emily A. Cruise
May Edmunds
Edith H. Hansard
Beatrice M. Hobbs
Orea E. H. Moustaka
Mervy M. H. Murray
Frederica Roth-Schmidt
Eva F. Saunders
Bertha V. Symonds
Ruby E. Ward
Trixie G. Whitehead
A. Armstrong
H. B. G. Auld
H. P. Blaxell
H. C. Blaxland
A. I. Bue
J. E. Bourke
R. Broome
C. P. Buchanan
D. S. Chalmers
T. Darbyshire
H. S. Dettmann
H. E. Whitfeld
F. K. Wigg.
W. B. Dight
W. M. Easton
J. V. Garland
A. T. H. Grogan
G. A. Hill
E. Hobbs
J. J. Holland
H. J. Hughes
B. Jarvie
J. A. Klein
P. H. Louis
J. G. Monaghan
W. W. Monahan
A. J. Onus
J. R. F. Penman
S. P. Theldon
J. W. F. Stephen
N. F. Stephen
W. P. Russell
May Edmunds
P. E. Russell
Maud Whitehead

The following evening students passed in the subjects of the First Year Examination, with the exception of Chemistry, in which there was no examination :—

L. S. Day
W. Hudson

C. H. F. Jones.

The following evening students passed in individual subjects :—

* Louisa Cole—Physics
* Fannie Marr—Arithmetic and algebra, French
* Jane Rames—Arithmetic and physics
* Carrie Jackson—Physics
R. F. Barker—English, mathematics, physics
C. H. Berrie—English, trigonometry, physics
C. H. Berrie—English, trigonometry, physics
R. J. Cameron—English
* Gertrude C. Colyer—Physics
* A. W. Ellis—Latin, French, arithmetic and algebra, geometry
* F. E. Hallstrack—English, Latin, physics
C. E. Ladd—Physics
E. A. MacTaggart—Trigonometry
* J. J. Mulholland—English, mathematics
* C. E. Mussman—English, Latin, French, German, physics, physiography
J. W. Miller—Mathematics, physics
J. O'Neill—Physics
* P. Rourke—Arithmetic and algebra
* P. Rourke—English, Latin, Greek, geometry, physics
C. P. Jackson (engineering)
R. F. Arnott (engineering)
Alice Pritchard

The following third-year evening students have also passed :—

T. J. Connor
F. E. Barraclough.

FRENCH.—PASS :

Millicent V. Elliott
W. D. M. Merewether
Gertrude A. Rooeby
S. S. Deane
Isabella Armstrong
Lillie A. Rourke
J. B. Sherlock
Edith J. Allan
Evelyn M. Hill
Jane Eames
Emily C. Kennedy

MATHEMATICS.

J. P. Wood (engineering)
W. J. Doak (engineering)
W. F. Burditt

HISTORY.

Isabella Armstrong
Mary E. Daley
A. J. Doig
*S. S. D'Arcy
*J. B. O'Neill
Minnie Rooeby
*Edith J. Allan
Evelyn M. Hill
Jane Eames
*Emily C. Kennedy
*J. Greenlees
*J. Sherlock
F. E. Barraclough
*Edith J. Allan
*Jane Eames
H. W. Weigall
*E. A. Hodge.
Also passed,
*Agnes O. O'Brien.

CHEMISTRY HONOURS.—CLASS I. : E. Watten, pass ; A. J. Blue

PHYSICS.—HONOURS.—CLASS I. : E. Watten.

ENGLISH.—PASS :

*Ch. H. F. Jones
A. J. Cruse
*Ida D. Folderin
*C.

Funerals.

THE RELATIVES and FRIENDS of Messrs. JOHN and ROBERT BRUCE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Elizabeth, which will move from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. William Forster, 830 George-street, Sydney, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. WILLIAM FORSTER and H. WILLIAM HY. SKOYES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased MOTHER-IN-LAW, Elizabeth Bruce, which will move from Mr. W. Forster's residence, 830 George-street, Sydney, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL M'FLINN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Kathleen, which will move from their residence, Duncannon House, 84 Annandale-street, Annandale, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Petersham Station, thence to Necropolis.
Telephone, 726. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. MARIA SYDENHAM are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, William James Sydenham, late stationmaster Government Railway; to move from his late residence, 88 Renwick-street, Newtown, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Newtown Station, thence to C. of E. cemetery, Rookwood. A. J. JACKSON, Undertaker, 203 Regent-street, Redfern. Telephone, 51.

THE FRIENDS of JOSEPH and TERESA SCHNEIDER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased beloved DAUGHTER, Cecilia Gertrude; to move from their residence, 109 George-street, Redfern, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. JOSEPH MEDALL, Undertaker, Redfern-street, Redfern.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. WATERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly-beloved HUSBAND; to move from his late residence, Rookwood, Newtown, THIS DAY, MONDAY, at 2 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. JAMES WEEKS, Undertaker, 86 King-st., Newtown; and Petersham. Tel. No., 9.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. BENJAMIN NELSON will move from his late residence, Glen Lee, Shellcove Point, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., and from the Mortuary, Redfern, at 2 p.m. L. SAMUELS.

THE RELATIVES and FRIENDS of the late LANCELOT TREDALE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved BROTHER, Lancelot Tredale; to move from his late residence, 338 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery. CHAS KINSELLA.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. T. J. IREDALE, Brownstreet, Paddington, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved BROTHER, Lancelot Iredale; to move from his late residence, 338 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery. CHAS KINSELLA.

General Merchandise.

JEFFREY'S EDINBURGH ALE.
Quarts, 7s per doz.
Pints, 4s 9d per doz.
R. B. BYASS'S LONDON STOUT.
Quarts, 8s 6d per doz.
Pints, 5s per doz.
FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY
(8 years old)
MATURED AND BOTTLED BY OURSELVES.
46s per case.
OLD INVALID PORT
(vintage of 1870).
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
60s per case.
J. G. HANKS and CO.,
448 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

A GUID NEW YEAR
TAE ANE AN' A'.

While Christmas has passed, and we hope all our kind friends have enjoyed themselves, we have yet before us another epoch,
A NEW ERA OF OUR EXISTENCE,
the opening of a
BRIGHT AND GLAD NEW YEAR,
a day held in great esteem by the hardy and kind-hearted SONS OF SCOTIA.

A deaf old gentleman,
when understanding what the toast to his health had been,
his defective hearing
AIDED BY EAR-CORNETS
and a
SPEAKING-TUBE,
obtained from us,
thus responded:

"You have wished me a happy new year as a toast,
And a kindly good wish it appears,
But when you perceive I'm as deaf as a post,
You should wish me TWO HAPPY NEW EARS."

PRESENTS
TO THE FORE.
OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS
will wish to take back to their homes
some SOUVENIR of their visit to the
"Great Snake."
WE CAN SUPPLY THEM STILL,
as we have
HAMPERS OF CHOCOLATES
(not of the Spook kind, but VERITABLE ARTICLES).
BOTTLES OF LOLLIES.
COMBS FOR ALL USES.
BRUSHES
to attack dandruff, mud, or for plush.
MANICURES FOR LADIES.
ALABASTER CREAM
for the Complexion.
ELECTRIC BATTERIES
to whisk up the nerves.
Tonics for the System and also the Hair.
POMADE HONGROISE
for the happy possessors of moustachs.
Violet Powder for the Ladies.
Ditto, with Puff, "pour les enfants,"
and everything to make us happy and
life worth living for.
Since 1873 we have been privileged to cater
for you, dear friends.
We are growing old in your service.
Abide with us yet a wee.
OUR FOUNTAINS
have been boons to the community.
We have all our standard beverages, also a new one,
"Willie Brew'd a Peck o' Maut,"
i.e., he would, but used
roots instead.
Result:
ROOT BEER at 3d a GLASS,
a non-intoxicating drink.
We hope the name will not attract the attention of
Mr. Lumsdaine and his merry men, or our
Piper will strike up
"The Deil's Awa,"
and we shall ever after regret the absence of
that energetic officer.
But even after taking a gallon you will not imagine the
tramcars are chemists' shops on wheels.
Your feet will not get
"tangled."

This reminds us of our
TANGLEFOOT FOR FLIES.
Woe betide the hapless insects that place
their little sucker-feet upon
these papers,
from
that moment they are doomed to
fly through space
no more.
Then we have
CLAYTON'S INSECT POWDER,
also to destroy flies, moths, silverfish, &c.,
and by burning a little the musical mosquito endeavours
to
QUIT YOUR PRESENCE
in a great haste,
remembering that he has a
PRESSING ENGAGEMENT ELSEWHERE,
but usually bids adieu to this
VALE OF TEARS
while seeking a haven of refuge.

History does not inform us if the
"GUDE WIFE WHO HAD PUDDINGS TO MAK',"
and who
"BOILED THEM IN THE PAN O,"
turned them out light,
but the result would have been a foregone conclusion had
she used
A. SOYER'S RENOWNED BAKING POWDER,
now sold by all grocers at
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